25 Cents
30 cents in Canada

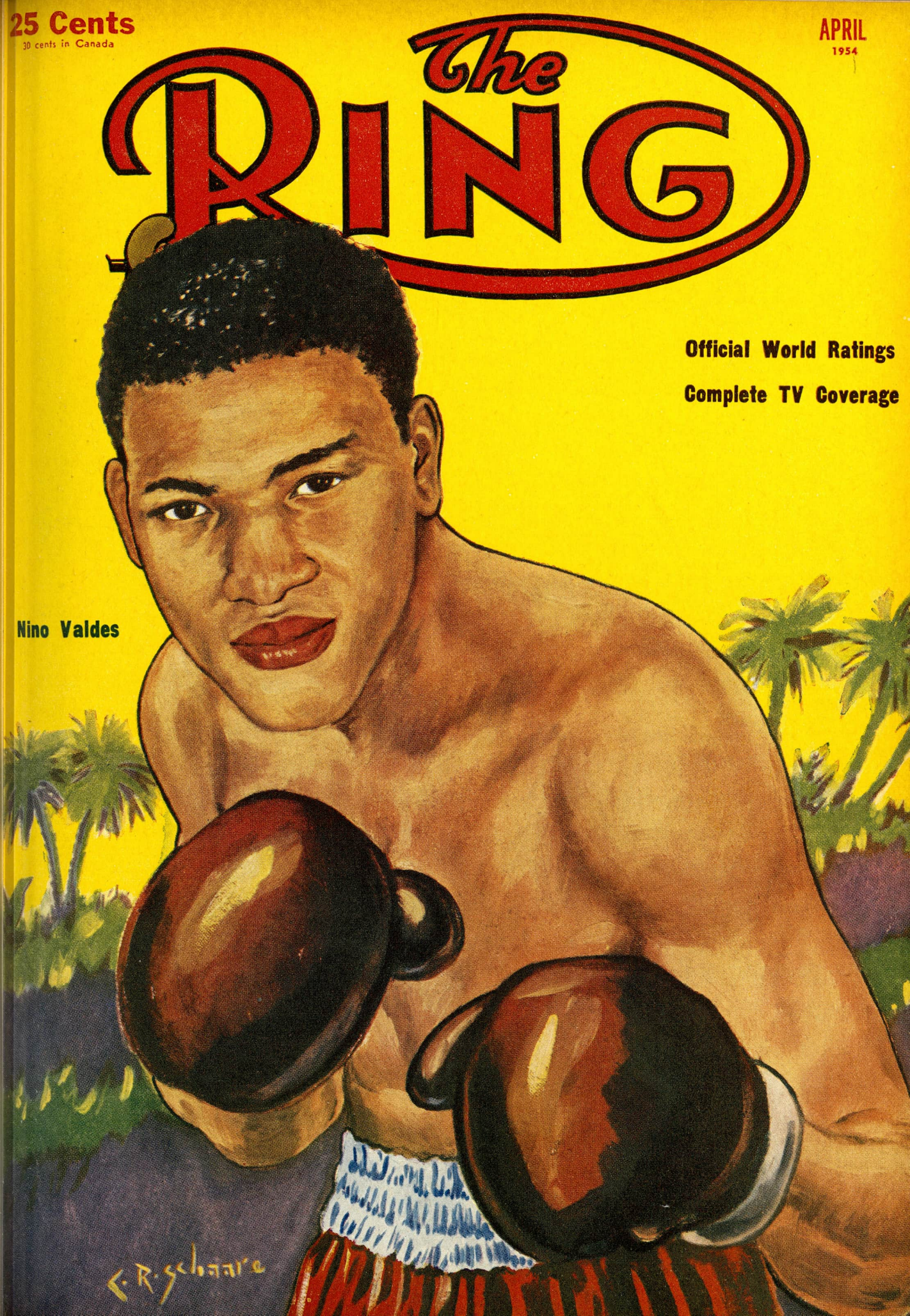
The RING

APRIL
1954

Official World Ratings

Complete TV Coverage

Nino Valdes



The Ring Book Shop

DUE TO THE INCREASED COSTS OF HANDLING AND POSTAGE PLEASE ADD 10 CENTS FOR POSTAGE AND INSURANCE ON ALL BOOKS EXCEPT RECORD BOOKS.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, 307 W. 49th St., Corner 8th Avenue, New York City.

BIOGRAPHY, FICTION, HISTORY

The Will to Conquer — The Life Story of Mickey Walker — Written by himself — Price $2.50

"Dumb Dan" by Dan Morgan as told to John McCallum. Anecdotes by the man of a million words of boxing's glorious past. Wonderful and exciting memories by one of the few oldtimers still alive. Price.....$2.00

British Boxing With Colored Prints—By Denzie Batchelor. Price $1.00.

The Memoirs of the Life of Daniel Mendoza by Paul Magriel, highly illustrated. Price $4.00.

"John L. Sullivan, Champion of Champions" —By Nat Fleischer. Highly illustrated. The finest book on the life of Sullivan ever written. A book that is loaded with anecdotes and human interest material. Price $3.75.

"Sugar Ray Robinson"—The life story of a great champion—By Gene Schoor. Price $1.00.

"The Jacobs' Story"—An interesting narrative of the Life and Times of the world's foremost boxing promoter. A story with a punch. By Daniel M. Daniel. Hard Cover. Price $1.00. Cloth Bound, Price.....$2.00

"The Heavyweight Championship", an informal history of heavyweight boxing from 1719 to the present day. The Big fights, humorous and tragic anecdotes, the whole panorama of boxing brought together in a fascinating, invaluable book. By Nat Fleischer. Price $4.50

Leonard The Magnificent, the life story of the man who made himself king of the lightweights. By Nat Fleischer. Cloth bound, profusely illustrated. Price.....$2.00

The Michigan Assassin. The Saga of Stanley Ketchel, World's Most Sensational Middleweight Champion—By Nat Fleischer. Cloth Cover. Illustrated. Price.....$1.50

Jack McAuliffe, The Napoleon of The Ring— By Nat Fleischer. Paper Cover. Price..$1.00

"Terrible Terry, the Brooklyn Terror." The life story of Terry McGovern, illustrated. 64 pages. By Nat Fleischer. Price.....$1.00

"Gentleman Jim." The life story of James J. Corbett—128 pages. Pamphlet form. By Nat Fleischer. Price .....75 cents

Reckless Lady. The life story of Adah Isaacs Menken, wife of John C. Heenan, who fought Tom Sayers in the Great International heavyweight championship fight at Farnborough, England, April 17, 1860. A thrilling story of boxing, adventure, love and the stage. In pamphlet form. By Nat Fleischer. Price 50 cents.

Black Dynamite—The History of the Negro Race in the Prize Ring from 1782 to 1938. **First Volume,** from the Molineaux to Peter Jackson. Price $1.50

Volume II—Life story of Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong. Price $1.50

Volume III—The Three Black Aces—George Dixon, Joe Gans and Joe Walcott and several contemporaries. Price $1.50

Vol. IV—The Fighting Furies—Jack Johnson, Sam Langford, Sam McVey, Joe Jeannette, Frank Childs, Frank Craig and their contemporaries. Now available—Price.....$1.50

Vol. V—Sockers in Sepia—256 pages. Jack Blackburn, Bob Armstrong, Harry Wills, Al Brown, Tiger Flowers, Kid Chocolate, Gorilla Jones, Al Gaines, Battling Siki and many other Negro boxers of the past three decades. Cloth bound to match other books. Limited edition. Price $2.50

From Milo to Londos. The story of wrestling, from 2000 B.C. to 1936. By Nat Fleischer, DeLuxe Edition. Price $3.25. Limited in quantity.

Max Baer, The Glamour Boy. The life story and description of all of his ring battles. By Nat Fleischer. Price.....50 cents

"Round by Round"—An Autobiography. By Jack Dempsey. The story of his life as told by himself. Price.....$4.00

Ten and Out—Latest revised 1947 edition brought up to date. Price.....$3.00

Jack Dempsey, The Idol of Fistiana—The story of the greatest fighter of recent years. Revised Edition to 1936.—By Nat Fleischer. Price $1.25

Nat Fleischer's 1945 Record Book—Containing only the complete records of all active fighters in 1944. Closing out special price—**$1.50.** Only a few left.

Important Notice

Please do not send for any of the following Ring Record Books: 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952, and 1953. Only 1945 and 1948 are available.

Bound Volumes of THE RING
Only these are available:

Year	No. in Stock	
1928—	1	Copy .....$44.00 each
1933—	1	copy .....$35.00 each
1936—	7	copies .....$31.00 each
1937—	5	copies .....$28.00 each
1938—	10	copies .....$26.00 each
1939—	3	copies .....$25.00 each
1940—	2	copies .....$23.00 each
1941—	1	copy .....$22.00 each
1942—	5	copies .....$21.00 each
1943—	2	copies .....$20.50 each
1944—	4	copies .....$20.00 each
1945—	5	copies .....$19.00 each
1946—	1	copy .....$18.00 each
1947—	16	copies .....$16.00 each
1948—	66	copies .....$13.00 each
1949—	27	copies .....$12.50 each
1950—	72	copies .....$11.50 each
1951—	79	copies .....$11.00 each
1952—	48	copies .....$11.00 each
1953—	25	copies .....$10.50 each

WRESTLING, HEALTH AND WEIGHT LIFTING

Wrestling Fan's Book—Including Female Section—The book contains life stories and photographs of 250 wrestlers of today and champions of yesterday. By Sid Feder. Price $1.00

Wrestling—Intercollegiate and Olympic—By Henry A Stone. 325 pages highly illustrated. Price $5.35

The Way to Live in Health and Physical Fitness. By George Hackenschmidt. Price..$1.60

Weight Lifting—Easy and Interesting. With more than 50 illustrations. By W. A. Pullum, holder of 200 British weight lifting records. Price $2.00

"Commando Stuff"—A combination of jiu jitsu, judo and rough-and-tumble tricks. Highly recommended. By Nat Fleischer. Price $1.00

Modern Wrestling, Its Methods and Its Holds. By Nat Fleischer. With special chapters on "Training Hints by George Bothner" illustrated and explained. Price.....$1.00

Improved, Modern, Scientific Jiu Jitsu, American Style. The Art of Hand-to-Hand Fighting. Price $1.00

Judo—41 lessons in Modern Science of Jiu Jitsu. By Shozo Kuwashima. Price.....$2.95

Jiu Jitsu—And Other Methods of Self Defence. By Percy Longhurst. Price.....$1.00

The Text-Book of Ju-Jutso as Practiced in Japan. By S. K. Uyenishi. Price.....$2.25

Police Wrestling—By A. K. Farrar. Price 50¢

Police Jiu Jitsu—By Kato Futsiaki. Price 50¢

BOXING BOOKS

Training for Boxers—New 4th Revised Edition With a Foreword by Jack Dempsey. By Nat Fleischer. Price $1.00

Scientific Blocking and Hitting and Other Methods of Defense. By Nat Fleischer. Price $1.00

How to Second and How to Manage a Boxer. By Nat Fleischer. Price.....$1.00

How to Box—With a Foreword by James J. Corbett. By Nat Fleischer. Price.....$1.00

How to Referee and How to Judge a Fight. By Nat Fleischer.....$1.00

NO C.O.D. ORDERS ACCEPTED

The Three Greatest Technical Books on Boxing

The New "TRAINING FOR BOXERS"

With a foreword by the greatest of modern fighters, Jack Dempsey

Containing the following chapters not in the old training book: 1—Your body and how to care for it. 2—Muscle tensing. 3—How to Gain Weight. 4—What a Trainer should know. 5—Sound advice to the beginner. 6—What a boxer should do on the day of a fight. What he should eat before a fight. 7—How to strengthen the skin of the hands and face. 8—How to overcome heart stitches, pains in the groin. 9—How to build up endurance. 10—How to punch the bag. 11—How to skip rope. 12—Rubdowns. All for only $1.00.

"HOW TO BOX"

With a Foreword by James J. Corbett

New—Revised 4th Edition

Latest, revised Fourth Edition. Several new features. The Beginner's Daily Workout, showing just what you should do at various times of the day when in training and Things A Beginner Should Know. Invaluable information which you should know. **Price $1.00.**

PLEASE USE THIS COUPON

The Ring Book Shop, 307 W. 49th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Enclosed please find / Money Order } for which send me Nat Fleischer's

- ☐ **"How to Second and How to Manage a Boxer"**
- ☐ **"How to Box"**
- ☐ **"Training for Boxers"**

{ Please mark books desired and send $1.00 for each book wanted. No books sent C.O.D.

Name .....
(Print)

Street Number .....

City .....State.....

In England send your orders to Atlas Pub., Ltd., 18 Bride Lane, Fleet St., London EC4, England, and Willen, Ltd., 101 Fleet St., London EC4, England. In South Africa—order from—Butch Burman, 12 Wanderers St., Johannesburg, South Africa.

REVISED EDITION

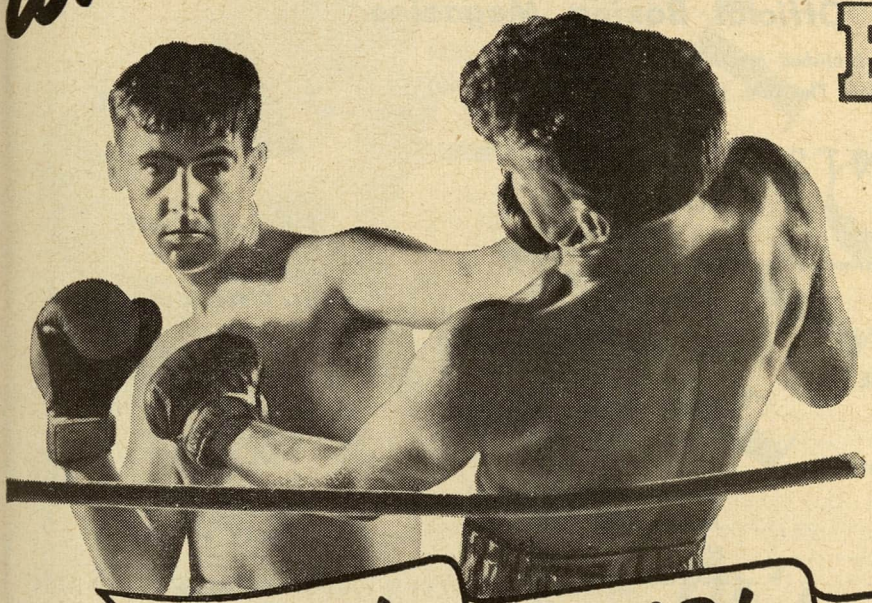
"How to Second a Boxer and How to Manage a Boxer"

(The American Way) with a foreword by William A. Brady, is making a hit with fight managers and promoters and boxers. Every manager and second should have a copy and study its contents.

Nothing like it ever published. Contains heaps of valuable information for boxers, trainer and second. The chapter devoted to first-aid treatment by a second, is worth ten times the cost of this book.

what'll you have?

Pabst Blue Ribbon



finest beer served
...anywhere

SEE! HEAR! ENJOY!

Thrilling Blue Ribbon Bouts

matched by the
International Boxing Club
every WEDNESDAY Night

SEE THEM ON TELEVISION!

At home . . . at your favorite tavern . . . enjoy "The Fight of the Week" on television every Wednesday night—along with tall, foaming glasses of that *smoother-tasting* Pabst Blue Ribbon—finest beer served . . . *anywhere!*

AT RINGSIDE!

COME OUT and see 2½ hours of roaring action Wednesday nights at the Chicago Stadium . . . St. Louis Arena . . . and other leading boxing centers. All-Star cards matched by the International Boxing Club.

Copr. 1951, Pabst Brewing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Trade Marks Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

VOL. XXXIII
No. 3
APRIL 1954

The RING

CABLE ADDRESS
"NATRING"
NEW YORK

World's Official Boxing Magazine

Published Monthly by The Ring, Inc.

(Copyright The Ring, Inc. 1954—All Rights Reserved)

CONTENTS

JOHNSON FIRST IN LINE	*Nat Fleischer*	4
SPONSOR REPLACES PROMOTER	*Al Buck*	5
I BELIEVE	*Ezzard Charles (Former Heavyweight Champ)*	6
MARCIANO-CHARLES SET	*Dan Daniel*	8
FAMOUS FIGHTS RECALLED (Photos)		9
FOUL FACTS	*Billy Williams*	10
RING MAGAZINE SETS UP HALL OF FAME	*Dan Daniel*	12
SHOWBOATS	*Ted Carroll*	16
LANGFORD IS FAIR FIGHTER	*Nat Loubet*	18
NAT FLEISCHER SAYS (Editorial Comment)		20
A BIT ABOUT BROOKLYN	*Jersey Jones*	22
BOXING AND TELEVISION	*Johnny Salak*	24
THE MICHIGAN WILDCAT	*Nat Fleischer*	26
SEEN ON TV	*Fred Eisenstadt*	28
WITH OUR SERVICEMEN		29
PANAMA CHAMPS		30
FIGURE THE FACTS	*Lew Eskin*	31
MOORE AND MOORE MAXIM GETS HIS (Photos)		32
NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD	*Nat Loubet*	34
IT'S ON THE RECORD BOOK	*Johnny Salak*	37
THE GAMEST FIGHTING MAN	*The Editor*	38

Editorial Staff

Editor
NAT FLEISCHER

Associate Editor
DANIEL M. DANIEL

Managing Editor
NAT LOUBET

Assistant Editor
JERSEY JONES

TV Editor
JOHNNY SALAK

Research Editor
LEW ESKIN

In the Rings Around the World

Brooks and Bassett Rated Fighters of the Month by Nat Fleischer 14
The New York Broadcast by Jersey Jones 40
In Sunny California by Bill Miller 42
From Tacoma, Washington, Middlewest News 45
Action at Albuquerque; Massachusetts News 48
Iowa, South Dakota Sparks by Bill Hawkins 49
Under Southern Skies; Michigan Fistic Headlines; Buffalo, N. Y.; Nebraska Boxing 50
In Indiana Rings; Central Ohio; Western Pa. and Eastern Ohio 52
New Jersey News; Connecticut Boxing News; From Maryland 53
News from Great Britain by John S. Sharpe 54
Right from Mexico City by Selesso Tiborro 55
European Gossip by Charley Parrish 56
Jabs from St. Louis; Canadian Title Fight Ends in Draw; Canadian Topics; Southern Ohio Jabs 58
In Tokyo, Japan; Toronto, Canada; Letters from Our Readers 59
News from Australia; News from LaLaguna, Mexico; Panama News; From Edmonton, Canada 60
In and Around Chicago; It Happened in Wisconsin; Louisville, Ky.; In Montana and the North West 61
Boxing in South Texas; What Are They Doing Now?; Boxing in Buenos Aires. 62
Canadian News; Minnesota News; Hawaii; Washington, D. C.; New Zealand, Idaho News 63
Covering New England; Little Rhody's Fistic Highlights; From Virginia; Spokane News 64

In Our Next Issue

Is Rocky Marciano dodging Nino Valdes, the Cuban champion? Al Weill has chosen Ezzard Charles as Marciano's opponent for Rocky's third title defense. "He's the best drawing card," says Al, "and we want an opponent who can draw the most money. Charles is that fighter." Jim Norris agrees with him. We'll let Dan Daniel go into details for you.

Who'll get the next shot at Archie Moore's light heavyweight crown? There is only one logical contender—Harold Johnson. He's the only one who perils the tenure of the champ. Jack Fried, veteran Philadelphia scribe will give you the lowdown on this topic.

Joe Giardello is the latest to gain the fistic spotlight. He's turned "killer" and has gained the top post as challenger for Bobo Olson's title. The Giardello story is an interesting one, as you'll agree when you read what Jack Hand has to say.

Nate Brooks, the boy who was a sensation in the last Olympic Games at Helsinki, has risen to the heights as a pro. In only nine contests he came through with the American bantamweight crown by knocking out Billy Peacock. Murray Rose, who covered the Olympic championships, will analyze this lad for you.

All this in addition to features by Nat Fleischer, Jersey Jones, Nat Loubet, Johnny Salak, Al Buck and Lew Eskin.

The Ring is a magazine which a man may take home with him. He may leave it on his library table safe in the knowledge that it does not contain one line of matter either in the text or the advertisements which would be offensive. The publisher of THE RING guards this reputation of his magazine jealously. It is entertaining and it is clean.

The entire contents and photographs of this magazine are copyrighted and must not be used without permission.

Our readers are earnestly requested to forward changes of address at least 30 days before publication of next issue. The price of this magazine in Europe is 30 cents. All subscriptions should be mailed to THE RING, Madison Square Garden, 307 W. 49th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Overseas subscribers should notify us immediately of a change of A.P.O. number.

The Ring, Inc., Williams Press, Albany 1, New York.
Subscription, Editorial and Executive Offices, Madison Square Garden, 307 W. 49th Street, New York City 19. Telephone Circle 7-3845.
Send subscriptions to The Ring, Williams Press, Albany 1, N. Y., or to The Ring, Madison Square Garden, New York 19, N. Y.
Subscriptions from the British Isles for the American edition of THE RING may be obtained through Atlas Pub., Ltd., 18 Bride Lane, Fleet St., London, EC4.
Nathaniel Fleischer, President and Editor
Nathaniel Loubet, Vice-President; Alice Lenoble, Secretary
Price 25 cents per copy in the United States, 30 cents in Canada. Subscription price, $3.00 per year in United States and Possessions; Cuba, Panama, Mexico and Canada, $3.50. Other countries, $4.00 in U.S. currency. Entered as second class matter at Post Office at Albany, N. Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Additional entry at New York, N. Y.
Trademark Registered in U. S. Patent Office

TV FIGHTS
AN ANNUAL

Published and Edited by The Ring *Magazine Editors and their staff of world authorities.*

It's New!

WHAT'S IN IT

- Stories by Nat Fleischer and other World Boxing Experts.
- Statistical Section
- Champions Section
- Intersectional Analysis of Entire Country
- All About the TV Commentators —Pictures and Highlights of Careers.
- Photos and Background of Over 100 TV Fighters

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE ITEMS YOU WILL GET.

Send for your copy now!

96 Pages

48 Pages with Color

Photos Galore

A Collector's Item

A Must for Every Fight Fan

MATCHLESS . . .
UNPRECEDENTED
Never Anything Like It

YOUR LAST CHANCE
ONLY A FEW LEFT

Send for The Ring's Annual on—TV Fights Now! Send your 50¢ to The Ring. Fill out this coupon now or purchase from your local newsstand.

The Ring Magazine, 307 West 49th Street, New York, 19, N. Y.

Enclosed is 50¢ for which I will receive a copy of TV FIGHTS published by The Ring.

Name .....

Address .....

City..... State.....

By NAT FLEISCHER

JOHNSON FIRST IN LINE

Joey Maxim's defeat by Archie Moore leaves Harold Johnson as the lone challenger for Moore's lightheavyweight title.

Archie Moore wins 15 round decision over Joey Maxim to successfully defend the lt. heavy title at Miami Beach, Florida.

MIAMI, Florida;— Now that Archie Moore has beaten Joey-Maxim for the second time, retaining the light heavyweight championship of the world, the question of the next title defense arises. There has been talk of a fight between Moore and Rocky Marciano. This would mean an announcement that the light heavyweight title is a mere stepping stone to a contest for the heavyweight crown.

Be that as it may, the fact is that Marciano will not fight Moore. Al Weill will not accept the match, and Rocky would not be enticed by its prospects.

There also is talk of a fight between Moore and Harold Johnson, rated the No. 1 challenger by The Ring Magazine.

There should be a Moore-Johnson fight, and there should be less conversation of submerging the light heavyweight title in the interest of a shot at the championship in the heavyweight division. The top contenders in each division must be considered and be eliminated before the leader of the division should be permitted to engage in a championship match in the next higher division. In Moore's case, he has a logical contender for the crown and that man must be given an opportunity to fight for Archie's title. Despite Johnson's performance against Slade, he is the lone and top contender for Moore's crown.

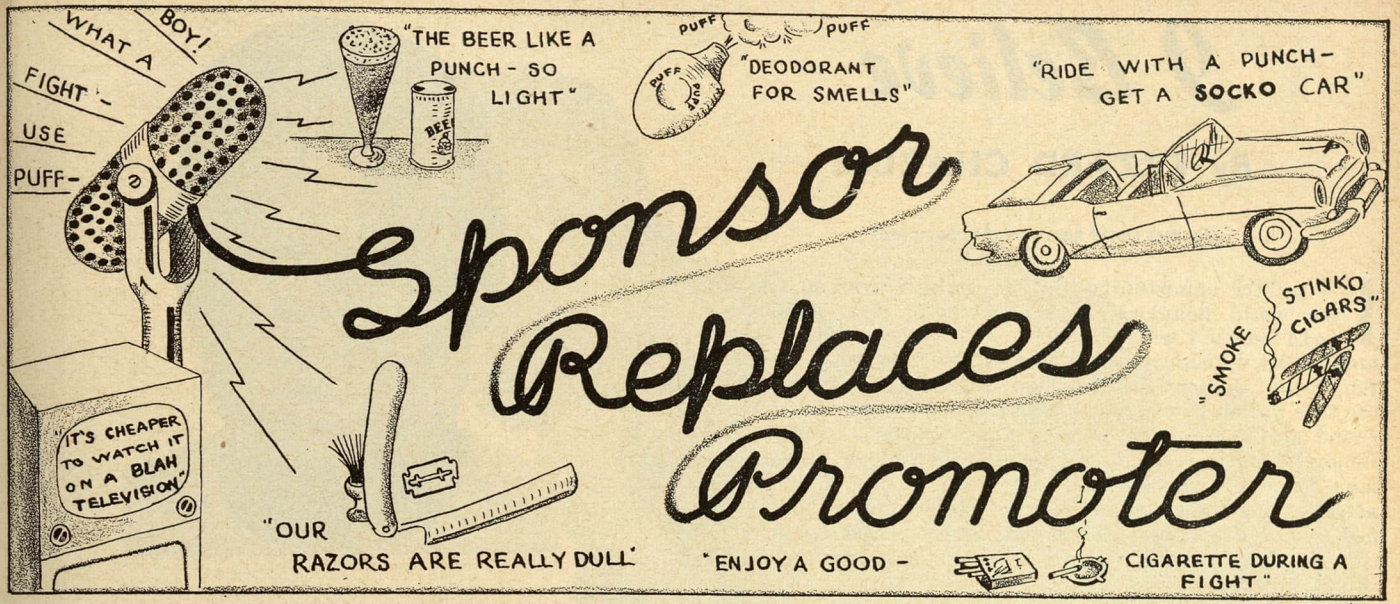
Winter tourists and home bred Florida fans saw Moore retain his crown in a most impressive performance against Maxim, in the Orange Bowl of Miami. It was Moore's third straight victory over the former title holder and one which left no doubt in the minds of the spectators as well as the victim, regarding the superiority of the champion.

Twice Moore dropped his opponent to the canvas, once in the eighth round for a count of eight and again in the eleventh for a seven count. But those knockdowns were only a part of the shellacking Maxim took from his thirty-seven year old opponent who, despite the difficulty he encountered in getting down to 175 pounds, displayed strength, speed and hitting power which were not in evidence when they last fought in Ogden, Utah where Moore also retained his crown through a unanimous decision.

• • •

THE win was the best that Archie has racked up against the light hitting but game Clevelander, who, when he lost his championship to Moore in 1952 in St. Louis, took a frightful shellacking but couldn't be floored. Their bout in Utah was exceedingly close and because of that, and the weight making difficulties encountered by Moore, (though the

(*Continued on page* 39)



By AL BUCK

Twenty-five years ago Tex Rickard died. Death came suddenly at Miami Beach, Fla., where he was engaged in promoting the Jack Sharkey-W. L. (Young) Stribling heavyweight elimination bout. The year was 1929, but the Wall Street crash and the long depression that followed was still months away.

There have been many changes in the world in the quarter of a century that has elapsed since Rickard died. There have been many changes in boxing too in the years between Rickard's time and the modern era dominated by James D. Norris, but they have come into being only in the period since World War II.

Gene Tunney had retired the year previous to Rickard's death, and there was no champion of the heavyweight throne. It had been Tex's purpose to crown a new king eventually, but that remained for other men to do. As the funeral train moved northward it was decided to go through with the Sharkey-Stribling fight. Jack Dempsey was chosen to fill the gap caused by his friend's death. Steve Hannegan and Nat Fleischer were selected to publicize the fight. The show had to go on.

And go on it did.

While Rickard's body lay in state in Madison Square Garden, an arena that even now is sometimes referred to as the "House That Tex Built," the directors decided to prove to the public that the Garden was not a one-man outfit. With Dempsey as his champion, Rickard had drawn the first million dollar gate—Dempsey vs. Georges Carpentier—at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City, and the success of his promotion, attracted the financial assistance he needed to erect the Garden and carry out promotions on a huge scale.

• • •

Tex ran it well. Every customer got the seat his ticket called for. Women started attending fights in large numbers for the first time. It was Rickard who took boxing from the smoke-filled clubhouses to the big time. Indeed he was the father of modern boxing, at least up to the end of World War II.

Since then great changes have come to alter the fistic world Rickard knew, and in fact created. Most of the changes have been due to the new medium called television. They are the first drastic changes in boxing in more than half a century. It may be well to note that Rickard's immediate successors, starting with William F. Carey, when Garden president, and including James J. Johnston and Mike Jacobs, followed the script. They operated with Rickard's ways and methods.

Carey and Johnston ran into the depression which might have crippled Rickard had he lived. Jacobs got in on the rebound. Where old Tex had his Dempsey; Uncle Mike had his Joe Louis. Dempsey and Louis were, and are likely to remain forever, the two greatest drawing cards in the long history of the ring.

The promoters—from Rickard to Jacobs—had one thing in common. They depended on gate receipts for their revenue. As a result they were the bosses. They dealt with the managers who had the best fighters. They labored to build boxers into attractions that would fill the Garden and the ball parks.

They operated mostly in New York, the world's largest city. Tom McArdle, while matchmaker at the Garden, took pride in the fact that during one season his shows grossed over a million dollars at the box office. Jacobs was the first promoter to use radio regularly to add to boxing's income. Actually the radio proved a valuable advertising medium to Uncle Mike. It was Nat Fleischer who got for Uncle Mike the first sponsored program, one for seventeen luxury shows for which the Adams Hat paid Jacobs' 20th Century Sports Club $1,750 per show. That was at the New York Hippodrome before Jacobs moved his club into the Garden.

• • •

Rickard and Johnston and Jacobs concerned themselves with pleasing the public. Norris' first interest is the big advertiser, the sponsor of his television fights. This is the big change, and it didn't start until the end of World War II. Jacobs saw it coming, but ill health removed him from the scene before TV became a major factor. Just what are these changes?

In the good old days the managers were important. Men like Leo Flynn, Billy Gibson, Billy Jacobs, Jimmy Johnston, Jim Buckley, Jack Kearns, Prof. Billy McCarney, Joe Jacobs, Lou Brix and Max Waxman among many other ace managers were busy selling their fighters' services. They hired press agents, sent telegrams to promoters and sports editors and had gaily colored posters printed. They could always be found in the matchmaker's office, and they worked far into the night.

Where are their successors– Jack Hurley may be an exception, operating in the far west, but he is a throw back. The managers, as individual salesmen, are rapidly vanishing from the American scene. Today managers are grouped together in a sort of union—the International Boxing Guild—and only the less fortunate visit the matchmaker's office. Most of them deal directly with the promoter, since, in the case of Norris, the power rests with his TV contracts.

They have no place else to go, unless it is to Emil Lence and Teddy Brenner at Eastern Parkway Arena. This is the only small club left in New York, and like the Garden, it operates because it has a nation-wide TV hookup. Then

(*Continued on page* 45)

I Believe

By EZZARD CHARLES

(Former world heavyweight champion)

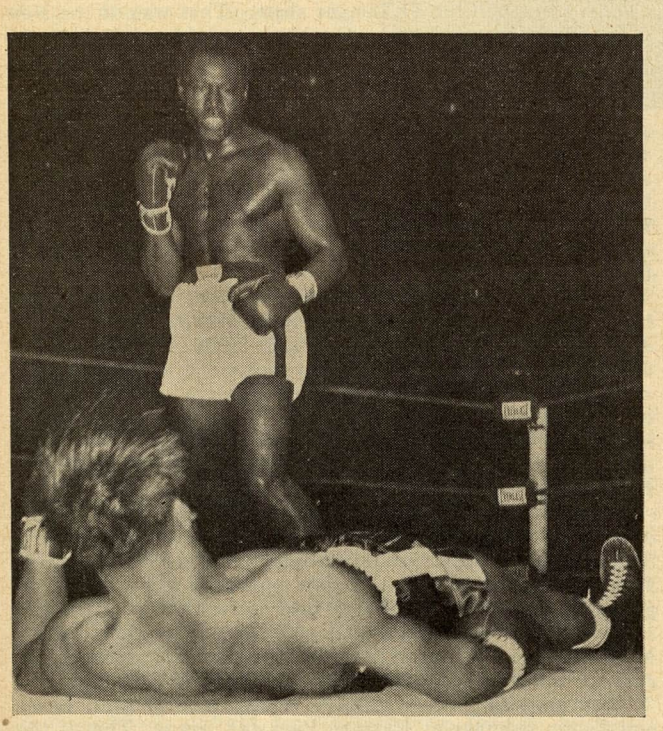
IF I get the opportunity to fight Rocky Marciano for the the world heavyweight championship next summer—and I believe I will, God willing—I will be only the second man in my division to have received two chances to regain the crown. James J. Corbett had two chances. After losing the title to Bob Fitzsimmons by a knockout in the fourteenth round at Carson City, Corbett faced James J. Jeffries at Coney Island in what almost resulted in victory for Gentleman Jim. He was knocked out in the twenty-third round after leading the champion most of the distance. Not satisfied that Jeffries was his master, Corbett tried again, this time in San Francisco where he was stopped in the tenth round in 1903.

Other former kings of the division have attempted to re-win the championship, but as history records it, no one has succeeded. But those other than Corbett, had only one fling at it, and now, from all indications, I shall have another try to regain the crown I lost by a knockout to Jersey Joe Walcott in seven rounds in Pittsburgh in 1951. Down the line we find that Jeffries, Dempsey, Schmeling, Louis and Walcott all made their pitch, but without success. Perhaps the Fates will favor me when I get my chance again.

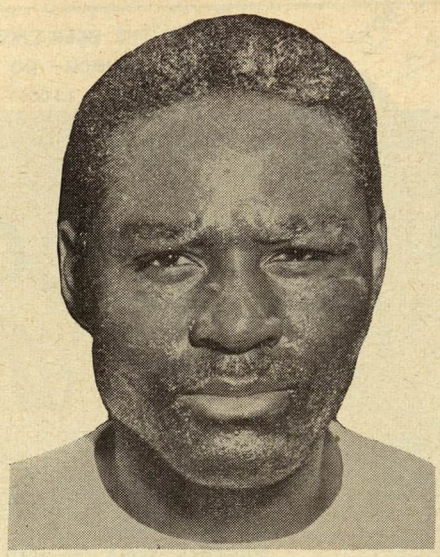
I firmly believe I can turn the trick, I feel confident that I can overcome the jinx that has ruled over all former title holders among the heavyweights who tried to regain the crown. I think I can beat Marciano. In fact, I was never more confident of winning a fight than I am of taking the measure of Rocky.

• • •

I was born on July 7, 1921. In June, 1954, I will be approaching my thirty-third birthday. Walcott was at least 37 when he hit me that left hook in Pittsburgh on July 18, 1951 that stripped me of the title I held so dearly. Louis was 36 when he tried to beat me in 1950. Rocky Marciano will be approaching his 30th birthday in June of 1954.



Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion, after losing decisions to Nino Valdes and Harold Johnson, came back strongly to kayo Coley Wallace and then clinch a June title bout by flattening Bob Satterfield.



Age means nothing if you're not too old and you're always in condition. The three year difference between me and Rocky is nothing because I have been an active fighter and he has had no more than five major fights in almost three years.

I'm not going into the hogwash about being destiny's baby. Destiny won't help me when I get into the ring. But I believe I can beat Marciano. If I didn't think so, I wouldn't be fighting any more.

Friends and fans have asked me why I continue fighting. I have saved my money and if I hung up my gloves tomorrow, I would have little to worry about financially. I am not rich but neither am I poor. I keep fighting and will keep on fighting as long as I believe that I am capable of winning back the title.

Tom Tannis, my manager, has often said that when the time comes that I feel that I want to quit the ring, he will make no move to stop me. He will leave it to me entirely to make that decision. But until I really find that the field of heavyweights is such that I have no chance, I will continue. I have had my ups-and-downs, but as of today, I think I am superior in fighting ability to any one in the heavyweight division, and that includes the champion whose greatest asset is his punching power. I'll admit that he has it on me in that respect, but I have proved in my last contests against Coley Wallace and Bob Satterfield, that I have developed a punch, which is not as devastating perhaps as is that of Rocky, but has been sufficiently powerful to halt Wallace, a pretty good boxer, in ten rounds and put away Satterfield, one of the hardest hitters in the division, in the second round.

• • •

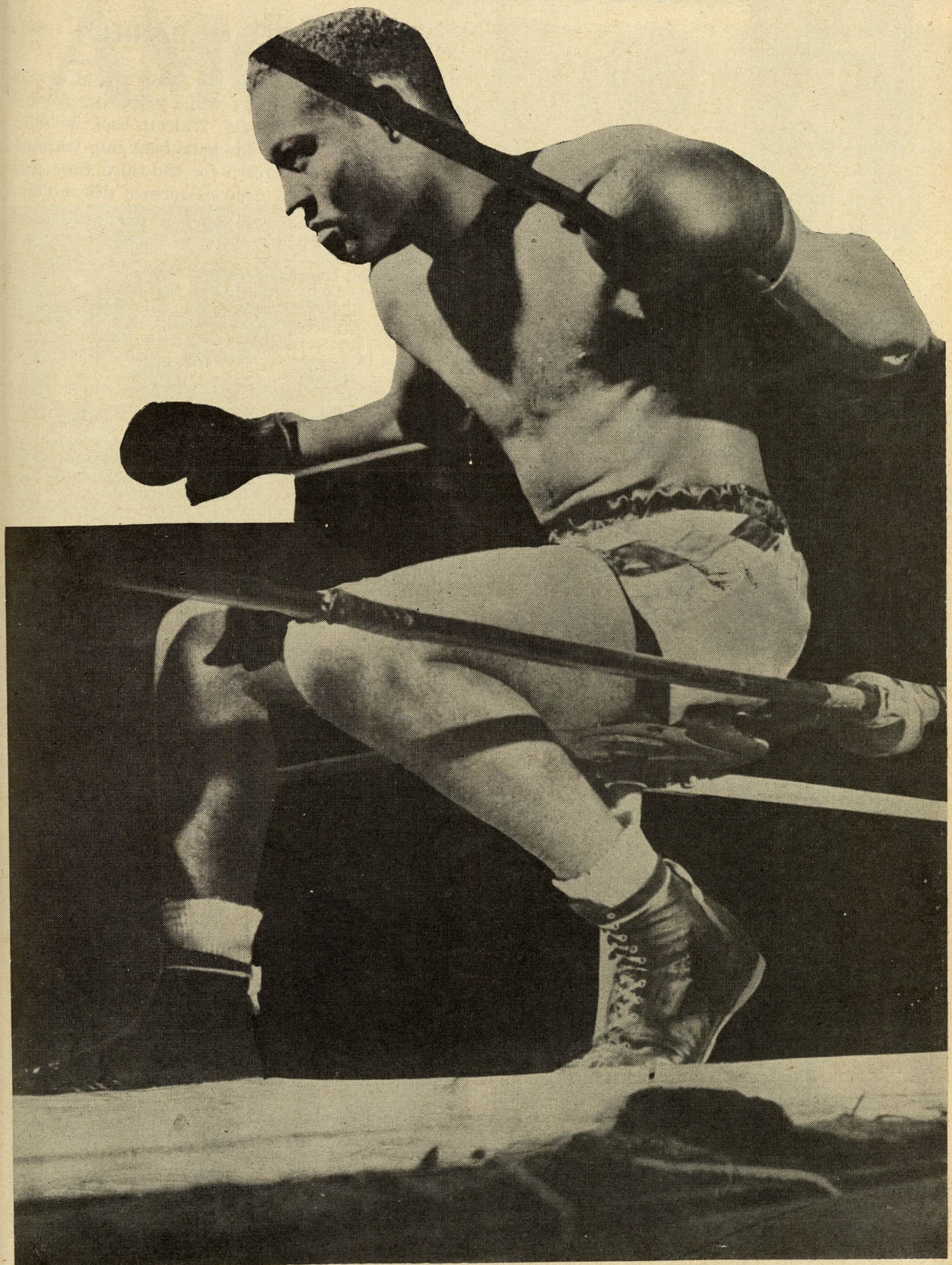
There was a time in 1951 when I had a few doubts. When Walcott knocked me out, I began to wonder even though I knew that I had trained down too fine for the fight.

I don't want to take anything away from Walcott but I took that fight as just another contest. I had already beaten Joe twice. The third one was a favor to help Walcott retire with money in his pocket. It was also a favor to the Dapper Dan Club in Pittsburgh.

That's the last boxing favor I ever want to do. Joe gave me a chance to get the title back and I just couldn't get going against him in Philadelphia that June 5th of 1952. I thought I won the fight and so did most of those who saw it, but, I will admit I didn't deserve to win it. Anyway, he got the decision. I have lost a few since, too.

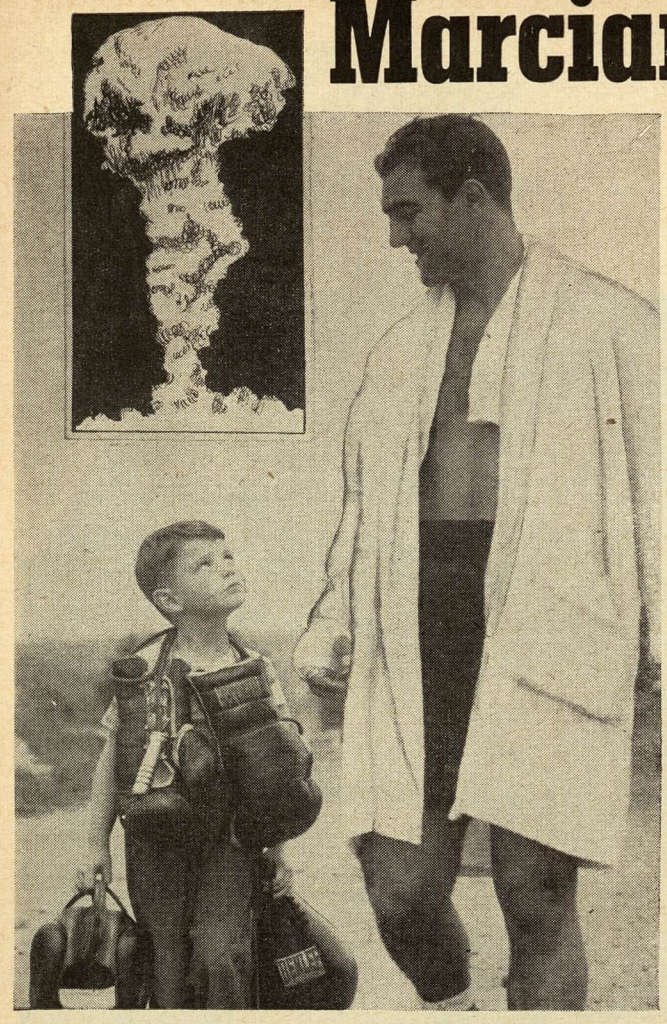
Rex Layne got a decision over me in 1952. It happened in Ogden, Utah, on August 8th and that was one year Christmas came quite early. This is no reflection on Jack Dempsey, the referee whom I have always admired, but he called

(*Continued on page* 44)



Marciano-Charles Set

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Atom Bombing Marciano, the heavyweight champ of the world, seen at left while preparing for his title fight with Jersey Joe Walcott back in 1952. Once again the champ has gone back into training and will defend his crown for the third time this June against Ezzard Charles former title holder.

THAT Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion, will get a chance to recover the title in Yankee Stadium late next June, has been determined by the International Boxing Club.

Charles definitely has been matched with Rocky Marciano, who will not defend the championship before engaging Ezz.

Plans for a March match between Marciano and Dan Bucceroni, at Miami, had proceeded quite a way, but were abandoned when Al Weill, the champion's manager, vetoed the scheme.

Weill nixed the Bucceroni fight because he had no great confidence in its drawing ability, and because he could develop no enthusiasm for it in the champion's current tax bracket.

Another angle had to do with Al's state of health. He has not been well, and is inclined to contemplate new commitments with the jaundiced eye.

That a fight between Marciano and Bucceroni would add to the lustre of Marciano's title and reputation, or furbish up the annals of boxing, is doubted very much.

That a contest between comeback Charles and Rocky, in New York, has possibilities cannot be denied, even in the face of Gotham's continued scepticism regarding Ezz.

• • •

THERE is little doubt that Charles is the most competent challenger for the title. The former champion has been coming back, at times slowly, at times with encouraging tempo.

If Marciano had been matched for a March engagement, Nino Valdes, of Cuba, would have been the natural choice, especially with the fight scheduled for Miami, only a little more than an hour from Havana by plane.

But, for a New York fight, Charles had to take precedence over Valdes and all other boxers who might be included in the challenging squabble.

Charles impresses the fans more than does Archie Moore, whom Weill would not okeh, anyway, and whose rating hardly gained anything through his second victory over Joey Maxim.

Charles' most recent achievement, such as it was, claimed Bob Satterfield for a victim in two rounds. It was just a warmup for Ezz, as Satterfield, once a hard puncher, had washed up. Satterfield's entanglements with the law last Summer did him no good from any angle.

Ezzard's 1953 comeback campaign included eight fights, two of them defeats.

On January 14, Charles stopped Wes Bascom in St. Louis, in the ninth. One month later, Ezz hung one on Tommy Harrison again in the ninth, at Detroit.

On April 1, Charles outpointed Rex Layne in ten heats in San Francisco, and on May 12, Bill Gilliam was beaten in a ten rounder in Toledo. Two weeks later, Larry Watson failed to last through the fifth, in Milwaukee.

On August 11, at Miami, Charles was beaten, for a second time, by Valdes, in a ten rounder.

September 8 saw Charles suffer another setback, Harold Johnson taking him in a ten rounder in Philadelphia.

On December 16, Charles knocked out Coley Wallace in the tenth in San Francisco.

• • •

DIVEST Charles of the extra something which accrues to him as a former champion, and you have a rather unstable contender. But the fact remains that Ezz has held the title, that he appears to be determined, at last, and as a ring trouper with considerable boxing skill, might steam up an interesting June night for Rocky.

Marciano has not seen competitive action since he knocked out Roland La Starza in New York, in the thirteenth round.

The champion would profit, physically, from a fight this Spring. But now the tax audit is the dominating factor in a title holder's schedule.

That Charles lost to Valdes and then to Johnson does not necessarily argue that either rates over Ezz for a fight with Marciano.

The dopesters insist that Valdes has the Indian sign on Charles, and could go right on beating him any old time. Charles' managers must feel that way, too, as they have determined not to let their man tangle with the big Cuban again.

As for Johnson, he lacks the weight with which to cope with a much heavier and tougher hitter like Marciano.

In time, Johnson may grow into a legitimate heavyweight. But, right now his field lies among the light heavies, with a title shot against Archie Moore in the offing.

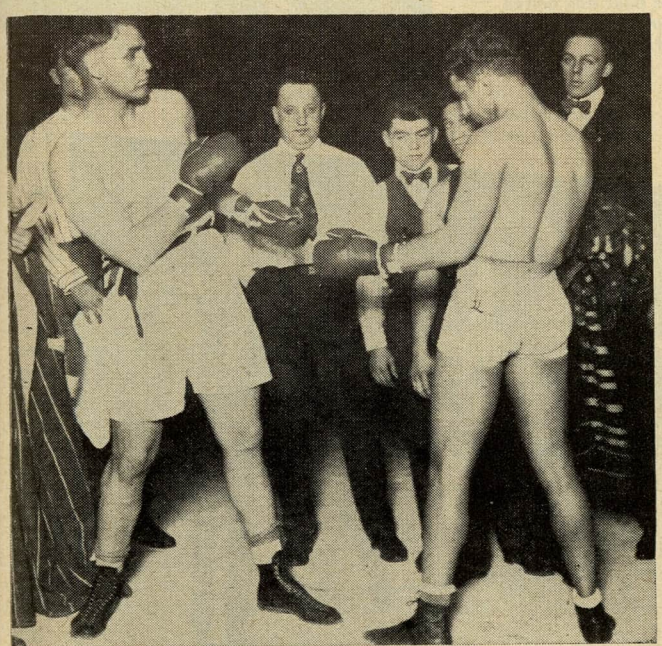
Marciano has not been letting himself get rusty. He is keeping in shape, doing a lot of road work at Grossinger's at Ferndale, N. Y.

Though Marciano has repeatedly declared his willing to become an active heavyweight champion, one ready at all times to defend his crown against the cream of the division, Al Weill, his mentor, has different plans. So far as Al is concerned, Rocky, unless he can gain the green light from the government to incorporate, will fight only once this year. The June date has been clinched for Charles and no matter what efforts might be made on behalf of Nino Valdes, he'll have to play second fiddle to the former world heavyweight king. Jim Norris has pulled on bones about declaring that the Charles-Marciano fight is the only one he is now interested in and that the Yankee Stadium will get it.

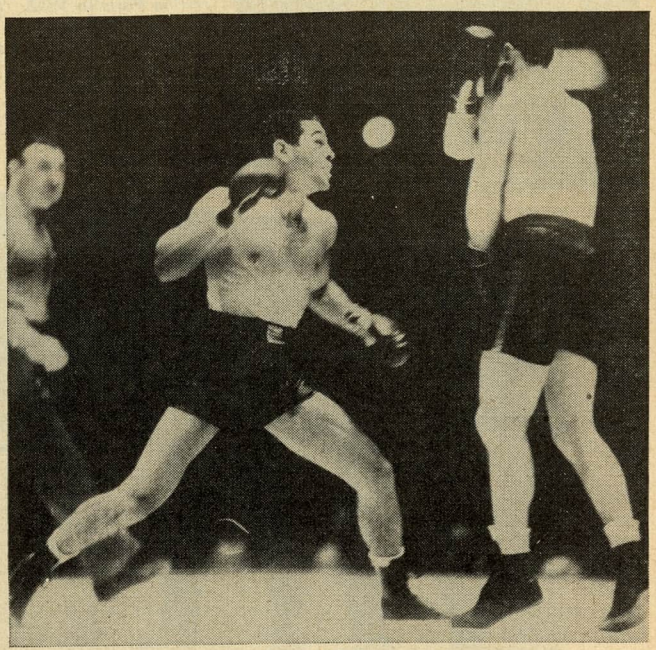
FAMOUS FIGHTS

Eddie Ran, who was going great guns at the time, is led back to his corner by the referee after kayoing Billy Townsend in the second round of a return match at Madison Square Garden in 1932. Townsend had won a decision in the first bout.

Pancho Villa (left), world flyweight champion, repeatedly made Bud Taylor miss in their ten round bout at Chicago in September, 1923. The Filipino would then rush in with rights and lefts to Taylor's head and body.



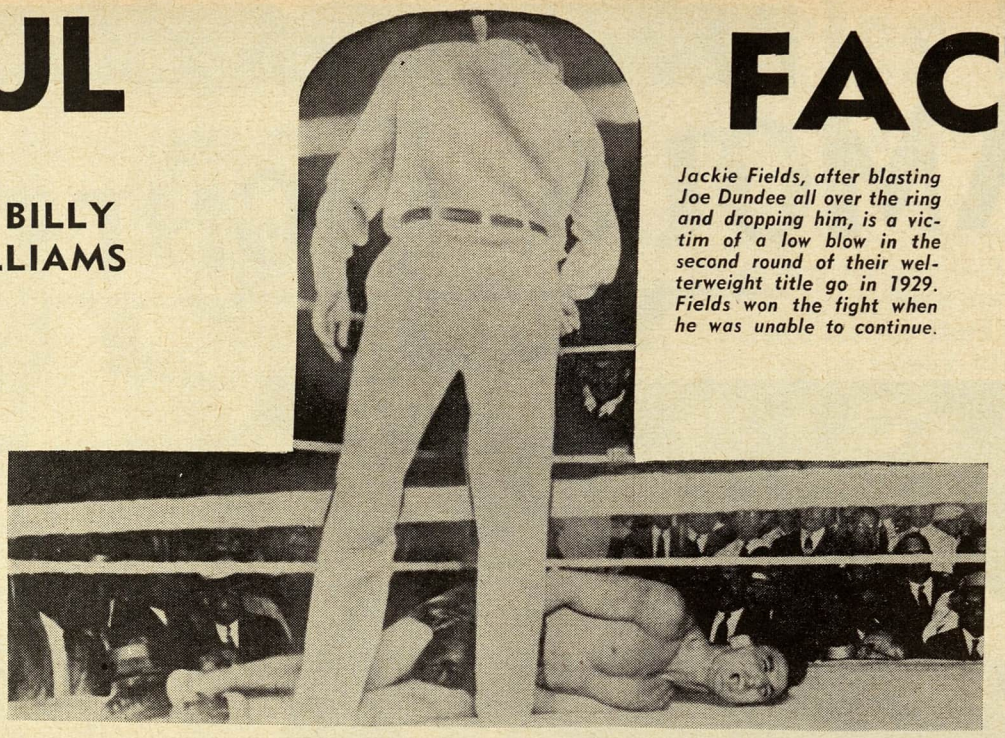
Carl Morris (left) and Battling Levinsky square off before their fight at Kansas City on November 16, 1916, as trainers and seconds look on. Gabe Kaufman, the referee, is in the center. Morris won a fifteen round decision.



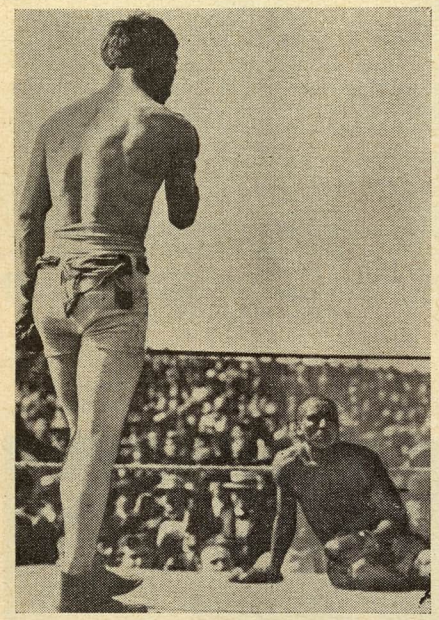
In one of the most savage bouts seen in Madison Square Garden, Pedro Montanez (left) established himself as an outstanding contender for Lou Ambers' lightweight title by winning a fifteen round decision over Enrico Venturi of Italy in 1937.

FOUL FACTS

By BILLY WILLIAMS



Jackie Fields, after blasting Joe Dundee all over the ring and dropping him, is a victim of a low blow in the second round of their welterweight title go in 1929. Fields won the fight when he was unable to continue.

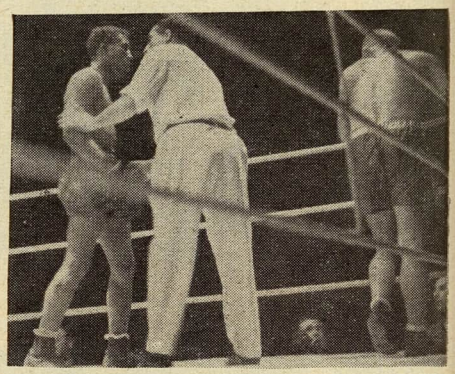


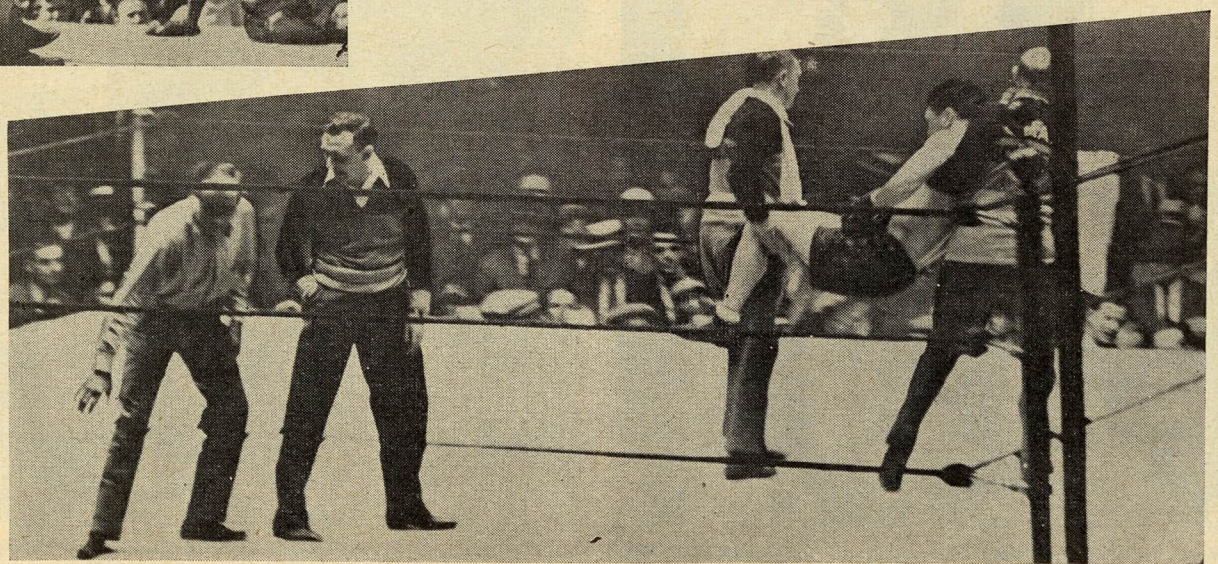
←

Joe Gans sinks to the canvas in the 42nd round of his lightweight championship bout in 1906 with Battling Nelson after the latter had repeatedly fouled him. Referee George Siler declared Gans the winner at this point.

→

Gorilla Jones (left) is held off by the referee after being guilty of several infractions of the rules in his bout with Marcel Thil, for the middleweight title, in Paris in 1932. The bout was halted and Thil won on a foul in the eleventh round.





Max Schmeling is carried to his corner after being dropped by a low blow toward the end of round four against Jack Sharkey in 1930. The German was unable to come out for the fifth round and won the vacant heavyweight crown on a foul.

New York's "No Foul" Rule Which Was Followed By Many Other Boxing Sections Throughout The World, Eliminated The Epidemic Of Low-Punching But There Are Still Many Flagrant Fouls That Warrant Disqualification.

NEARLY a quarter-century has flitted by since James J. Farley, then chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, promulgated his historic "No Foul" rule, which now applies pretty thoroughly to boxing throughout the United States and in many international sectors.

Actually, the edict is not as all-inclusive as its title would seem to make it. There still are fouls that warrant disqualification, such as deliberate and persistent elbowing, butting, heeling, kneeing, etc., and, of course, hitting an opponent while he is down.

Farley's edict was aimed at the most flagrant and vicious foul of all, low punching. A new protective cup, fashioned by "Foulproof" Taylor, made it virtually impossible for a fighter to be seriously injured by a wallop delivered below the "deadline," and minimized the chances of a bout being suddenly and unsatisfactorily ended by a punch straying, deliberately or accidentally, out of bounds.

Even low punching could result in disqualification if the perpetrator continued to use such tactics after a couple of warnings. Such disqualification meant a long suspension and possibly a heavy fine—and the stiff penalty generally made a ringman more careful where he fired his fists.

Farley's ruling was prompted by a veritable epidemic of low-punching which seemed to have broken out in important bouts. (There was one show in Madison Square Garden in which all three scheduled ten-rounders on an all-star card ended in disqualifications.) The final touch was supplied by the confusion and furore which followed the world heavyweight tite affair between Max Schmeling and Jack Sharkey in New York's Yankee Stadium in June, 1930.

● ● ●

Sharkey was well ahead when, five seconds before the end of the fourth round, he fired a left hook to Schmeling's body. The German crumbled to the canvas. The punch landed near the belt line, but Referee Jim Crowley seemed undecided whether it was above or below. Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, began to screech "Foul!" Before Crowley could make up his mind, the bell rang, ending the round.

Jacobs and Schmeling's trainer, Max Machon, rushed into the ring and carried Max to his corner. Crowley conferred with the two judges, Harold Barnes and Charles F. Mathison. Neither had been in a position to see the disputed punch. Jacobs and Sharkey's manager, Johnny Buckley, surrounded Crowley, excitedly giving their versions of what happened. Arguments were waxing fast and furious among boxing officials, newspapermen and spectators outside the ring.

The bell clanged for the fifth round. Sharkey came out of his corner and waited for Schmeling to arise. The German remained on his stool. Knockdown timekeeper Arthur Donovan began to bang on the floor of the ring with his gavel. He knocked off a couple of seconds, then stopped. Announcer Joe Humphries climbed into the ring. Crowley gave his decision. Schmeling had won on a foul.

The tumult and the shouting that followed made Farley and his Commission colleagues realize something drastic had to be done to eliminate, or at least reduce to a minimum, the foul menace. The new rule resulted.

Since the enactment of the edict, disqualifications have become rare in New York and communities that have followed the Empire State's example. In recent years, probably the most notable cases have been in two bouts involving, oddly enough, the same fighter, Johnny Saxton. A pair of Saxton's opponents in Madison Square Garden, Livio Minelli and Lester Felton, were ruled out not for illegal-punching but for running, clutching and "not fighting." Though the circumstances were practically identical, the decisions were not. Saxton was credited with a knockout over Minelli, but the verdict created such widespread criticism that when the Felton affair was halted, Saxton was announced as winning on his opponent's disqualification.

● ● ●

While bouts ending in fouls and claims of fouls were comparatively common in the "old days," it is noteworthy that very few world championships were decided by disqualifications.

One of the most celebrated was the first fight promoted by Tex Rickard—the Joe Gans-Battling Nelson title match in Goldfield, Nev., in 1906. Nelson had been guilty of repeated infractions of the rules, and when Gans sank to the canvas in the 42nd round from a savage right to the groin, Referee George Siler declared Gans winner.

The lightweight title figured in another disqualification in 1912 when Ad Wolgast was ruled out in the sixteenth round for fouling Willie Ritchie in Daly City, Cal.

An all-American episode in Paris in 1913, to settle the dispute over the vacant middleweight laurels, resulted in victory for Frank Klaus when Billy Papke, beaten all the way, resorted to roughhouse tactics and after several warnings was disqualified in the fifteenth round.

Although Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle apparently had a clear claim to the bantam title when he won on a foul from Kid Williams in the fifth round of a no-decision bout in St. Paul in 1913, he wasn't generally recognized by boxing authorities and Williams continued to be accepted as champion.

There was a strange ending to the Jack Britton-Benny Leonard bout at the New York Velodrome in 1922. The match was for Britton's welterweight laurels. Benny was lightweight champion, and that title was enough for him. Benny's pride wouldn't permit him to be outboxed by any opponent, even the champion of a heavier class, but, at the same time, he didn't want to win. The logical solution was a draw, and for twelve rounds it looked as though that would be the result. Britton, however, was then 37, and the pace began to tell on the "old man." He was tiring, and in the thirteenth he sank to the canvas from a left hook to the body. As Britton was taking the count on one knee, Leonard suddenly reached behind Referee Patsy Haley, tapped Jack's chin with a light right, and was promptly disqualified for hitting his opponent while he was down.

(*Continued on page* 39)

Ring Magazine Sets Up Hall of Fame

By DAN DANIEL

THE Ring Magazine announces the organization of a boxing Hall of Fame, and the setting up of this enterprise in its offices in Madison Square Garden in New York. The fistic Pantheon will be operated with the assistance of the boxing writers of the world, with stress on the membership of the Boxing Writers' Association of which Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of this magazine, is the president.

In many ways, the boxing Hall of Fame will be patterned after the highly successful baseball Hall of Fame, which is housed at Cooperstown, N. Y., and operated largely with the aid and interest of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The fistic Pantheon will have the tremendous advantage of ideal accessibility, right in the heart of New York, in a structure devoted to the promotion of fights, as well as basketball, hockey, ice shows and other sporting entertainments.

The plan for a boxing Hall of Fame was originally broched by Fleischer to the late Tex Rickard, soon after the new Garden was opened in 1925.

Rickard entered into the scheme wholeheartedly. So did William F. Carey, then chairman of the Garden's board of directors, and Bernard Gimbel, noted merchant and sportsman, also a member of the board.

The assembling of statuettes, photographs, plaques and other displays for the projected Hall of Fame was started. They were stored in Rickard's offices.

Then came the untimely death of Tex. The plan had to be tabled. Material gathered disappeared. The scheme was revived in the offices of The Ring Magazine from time to time. And now the idea becomes a reality, and the long planned, and much needed, enterprise becomes vibrant, alive, appealing. The boxing Hall of Fame is a going concern.

• • •

IN housing the Hall of Fame, The Ring Magazine has no intention of monopolizing the collection of fistic immortals, of arrogating unto itself the ownership privileges, or desiring to profit from whatever publicity may attend the locating of the Pantheon in its offices.

Efforts to house the Hall of Fame outside of the Ring offices have failed. Somebody had to get the thing started, and somewhere it had to be located. So here it is, and may it grow and prosper, as it undubitably will.

It is hoped that once the Hall of Fame has become established, and the machinery for its perpetuation has been provided for, a home for its expanding needs will be found in some museum in New York. Perhaps, in time, the Garden and the International Boxing Club will provide these public quarters.

In the meantime, The Ring Magazine is clearing a large wall space in its offices for the first entries in the Hall of Fame, and is arranging voting and other plans which will be subject to the approval and the cooperation of the boxing writers.

The baseball Hall of Fame would not be able to function satisfactorily without the help of the writers of that sport, and the boxing Pantheon could not possibly appeal to the supporters of the sport without the cooperation of the ring Boswells.

The Ring Magazine places itself in the position of organizer of the project, and temporary trustee, at the same time devoting valuable space, and conceivably inviting no little disruption of its office routine from visitors.

However, the museum angle long has been a feature in The Ring office. Thousands of boxing enthusiasts visit it yearly, to view the numerous association pieces and other memorabilia which are displayed there.

Gloves worn in famous fights, old prints, old photographs, statuettes, and one of the most notable collections of watches, many of them once worn by ring greats, others presented by boxing champions to Fleischer, interest the growing number of visitors.

• • •

DEVELOPING a format for the operation of the boxing Hall of Fame presents not a few problems. The precise system of the baseball Pantheon and the football Hall of Fame at Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N. J., should not be followed. Boxing, and boxing history offer features sui generis, facets all their own.

It is proposed to get the boxing Hall of Fame organized with the selection of the greatest fighter in each division.

Large photographs of each of these ring immortals, with plaques telling who they are and why they have been named, will be hung on a large wall space suitably decorated for the enterprise.

The baseball Hall of Fame operates with the help of two electing bodies. First there is the membership of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. It holds annual polls in which only those who have been writing the game for at least ten years hold voting powers.

The writers are restricted to players who have been in the game in the last 25 years. In order to be eligible, a player must have been retired for at least five years.

The second designating group is the Old Timers' Committee headed by J. G. Taylor Spink. This body concerns itself with players of the pre-25-year limit, and with managers, umpires. Writers are not eligible.

• • •

IT has been proposed that the boxing Hall of Fame elections be restricted to two groups similar to that of the baseball Hall of Fame.

There might be a Board of Directors to consider the eligibility of fighters, referees and perhaps even promoters and writers who were in the limelight more than 25 years ago.

The writers would vote on the qualifications of those of the last 25 years, with a five year retirement proviso in force.

The baseball writers make it necessary for a candidate to poll at least seventy-five percent of the total vote, for election. The boxing literati might adopt a similar basis for designation.

If these regulations were adopted, it might be well to let all the writers as well as the Board of Directors vote on the eight immortals with whom the boxing Hall of Fame would be set up.

Their canvass would draw world-wide attention, as it would designate, officially, the greatest fighter in each division, from heavyweight down to flyweight.

This poll would excite a lot of controversy and get the Hall of Fame started under exemplary auspices.

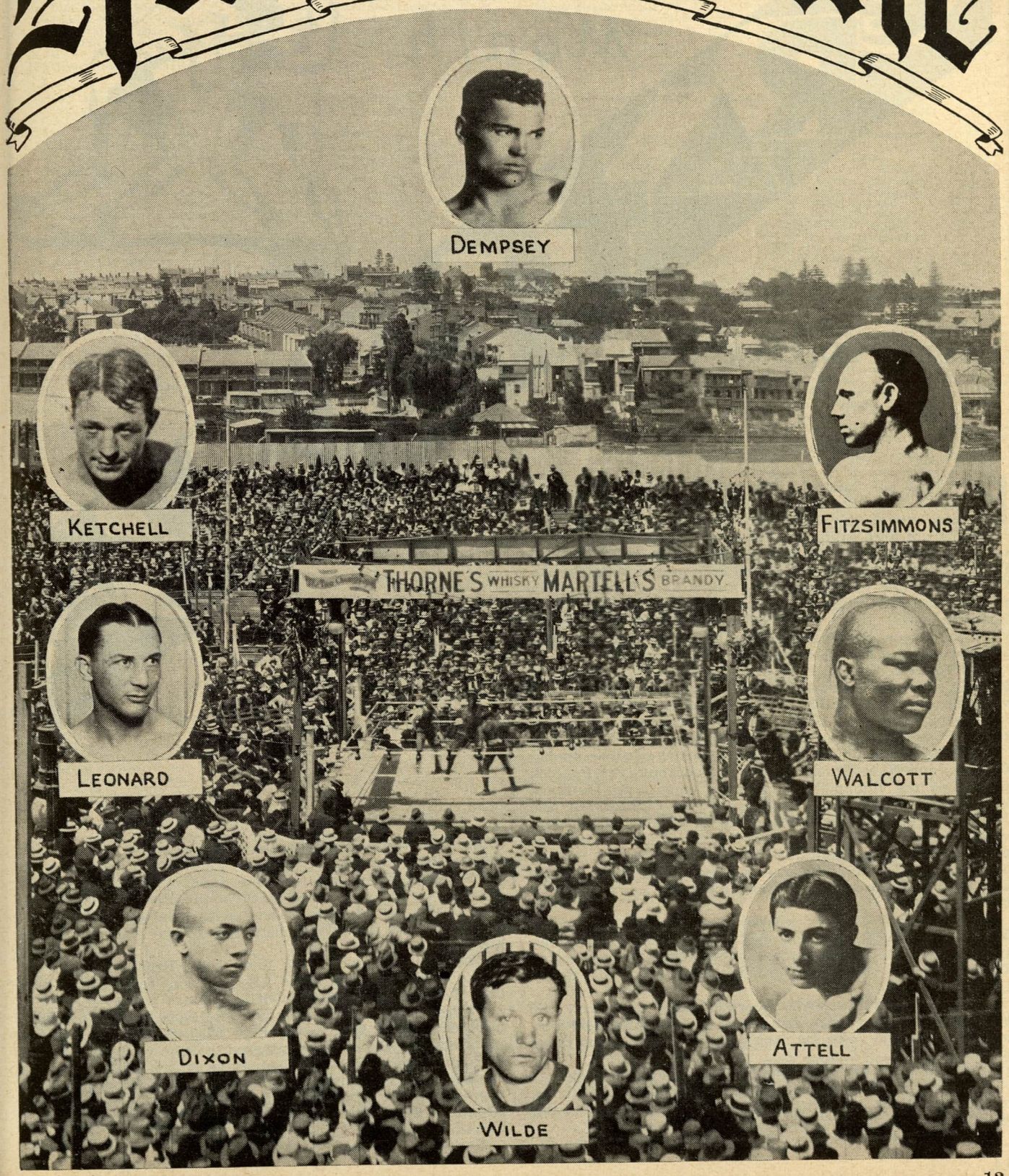
• • •

IN placing candidates before the voting writers and other experts, the Ring Magazine merely is pointing out boxers who would be eligible, and is not attempting to guide the pollsters or in any way attempting to influence the ultimate selections.

These candidates therefore are suggested, with the aforementioned reservations, and with no design to make each list

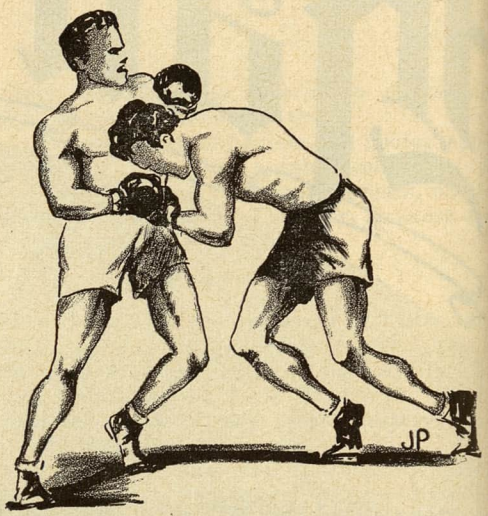
(*Continued on page* 46)

Hall of Fame


DEMPSEY
KETCHELL
FITZSIMMONS
THORNE'S WHISKY MARTELL'S BRANDY
LEONARD
WALCOTT
DIXON
ATTELL
WILDE

Brooks and Bassett Rated Fighters of the Month

The RING RATINGS



By NAT FLEISCHER

BOXING has taken a turn for the better with more competition and more clubs in operation than was the case during the latter part of the past year. Though new talent of high calibre is still scarce, those who have come to the front in recent months are rapidly gaining international attention. The latest to win acclaim are Nate Brooks, former Olympic champion, and Duilio Loi of Italy. The former won the American bantam title by stopping Billy Peacock in the eighth round of their bout at the Eastern Parkway Arena and Loi continued his victories by winning the European lightweight crown from Joergen Johansen.

The continued success of Percy Bassett in his tour of Europe, indicates that Sandy Saddler will have a tough time when he returns to active ring duty and is ready to defend his crown. He'll find Bassett right on his heels and rarin' to go. Bassett has earned the right to a title shot.

With Bassett gaining the top rung of the ladder among feathers and Nate Brooks scoring a knockout over Peacock to become the champion of America among the bantams, "The Ring" rates these boys as "The Fighters of the Month." Though Archie Moore retained his light heavyweight crown by defeating Joey Maxim, that victory was expected hence the honors bestowed on Bassett and Brooks. The boys in the lighter classes are beginning to show life and must be encouraged if those divisions are to keep in the spotlight.

Joey Giardello's quick knockout of Walter Cartier in Madison Square Garden, has enabled the victor to gain the top rung of the ladder as the outstanding contender for Bobo Olson's crown. Giardello has replaced Rocky Castellani..

Harry Kid Matthews, who has returned to action and still rates as a good scrapper, has replaced Bob Satterfield who has been dropped from the ranking ten. Matthews is rated ninth.

In the middleweight division, Willie Troy has been advanced from ninth to seventh following his splendid triumph over Moses Ward in what must be listed as the Fight of the Month.

The lightweight division finds Georgie Araujo, who regained his winning stride, now listed seventh, one position higher than last month. Arthur Persley has been dropped a peg to eighth and the new lightweight champion of Europe, Loi, is now rated tenth in the place of Joe Brown who fought a "no contest" bout with Charley Smith. The referee halted the affair, declaring Brown was not giving his best.

The bantamweight class finds Nate Brooks joining the ranks of the World's rated boys. He has been placed fifth with Peacock dropped from fifth to ninth place.

Pierre Cossemyns of Belgium who scored two good wins, has been upped from seventh to fifth, while Gaetano Annaloro of Italy has been eliminated to make room for Brooks.

Tanny Campo who has been active in the Philippines, has replaced Leo Espinosa of the same country in second position among the flyweights. Dai Dower of Wales, has been advanced to eighth, trading places with Charles Bohbot of French Morocco.

Here are the month's leading results:

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending February 18, 1954

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.

1—Nino Valdes, Cuba
2—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
3—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Roland LaStarza, New York, N. Y.
5—Don Cockell, England
6—Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Earl Walls, Canada
8—Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.
10—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.

1—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
3—Jimmy Slade, New York, N. Y.
4—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
5—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—Willie Hoepner, Germany
7—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
8—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
9—Alex Buxton, England
10—Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T.H.

1—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
3—Randy Turpin, England
4—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.
6—Bobby Dawson, New York, N. Y.
7—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
8—Pierre Langlois, France
9—Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.
10—Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Cuba

1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Billy Graham, New York, N. Y.
3—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
4—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
5—Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Freddy Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
9—Chico Varona, Cuba
10—Gilbert Lavoine, France

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carter, New York, N. Y.

1—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
2—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
3—Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
4—Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
6—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
7—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
8—Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
9—Armand Savoie, Canada
10—Duilio Loi, Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, (U. S. Army)

1—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
3—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
4—Baby Ortiz, Mexico
5—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Roy Ankarh, West Africa
8—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
9—Ray Famechon, France
10—Bill Bossio, Hartsdale, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia

1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
3—John Kelly, Ireland
4—Henry (Pappy) Gault Spartanburg, S. C.
5—Nate Brooks, Cleveland, O.
6—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
7—Raton Macias, Mexico
8—Maurice Sandeyron, France
9—Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Andre Valignat, France

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan

1—Jake Tuli, South Africa
2—Tanny Campo, Phillipines
3—Leo Espinosa, Philippines
4—Terry Allen, England
5—Louis Skena, France
6—Young Martin, Spain
7—Eric Marsden, England
8—Dai Dower, Wales
9—Charley Bohbot, West Africa
10—Nazzarino Giannelli, Italy

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tommy Harrison upset Canadian Champion Earl Walls, 10. Don Cockell retained British Empire title by defeating Johnny Arthur, 15. Tommy Jackson stopped Rex Layne, 6. European Champion Heinz Neuhaus kayoed Piet Wilde, 4.

Charley Norkus halted Danny Nardico, 9. James Byrne kayoed Joe Kahut, 9. Johnny Williams kayoed light-heavyweight Gerhard Hecht, 2. Henry Hall kayoed Don Moray, 3.

Bert Whitehurst defeated Sonny Jones, 8. Dave Whitlock defeated Vern Esco, 10. Reinaldo Ansaloni kayoed Angel Cassano, 4. Zora Folley stopped Howard King, 7.

Werner Weigand whipped Heinz Sellisch, 8. Jimmy Walls kayoed Allen Williams, 2. Frank Farrington halted by light-heavyweight Albert Gall, 3. Jimmy Bell kayoed Richie Norton, 2. Jake Williams kayoed Jimmy Sheets, 9.

Simon Templar stopped Hugh McDonald 5. Harold Carter kayoed Dick Reddick, 5. Willi Besmanoff halted Jean Serres, 4. Chuck Syers beat Earl Lumpkin, 6. Johnny Gray beat Leo Johnson, 6.

Bob Albright kayoed Bob Thorne, 1, and Rick Garro, 1. Pete Allessandri beat Doer Ludwig, 8. Billy Burke beat Lou Thrasher, 6 (twice).

Ric Garro kayoed Bull Brown, 3. Billy Pappas drew with Hal Neely, 6. Mike DeJohn kayoed Art McCann, 1 and Hal Neely, 1. Sonny Liston kayoed Martin Lee, 6.

Bernie Thomas beat Murray Bennett, 8. Chuck Ross kayoed Jimmy Dodd, 1. Harland Kelly defeated Baby Dutch Culbertson, 6. Emil Brtko kayoed Jesse Williams, 1.

Chuck Maxson kayoed Stew Ross, 2. Gene Brixon halted Monty Clark, 3. Harry Matthews kayoed Jack Nelson, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Archie Moore retained world title by decisioning Joey Maxim, 15. Harold Johnson outpointed Jimmy Slade, 10.

Danny Nardico was stopped by heavyweight Charley Norkus, 9. German Champion Gerhard Hecht kayoed by heavyweight Johnny Williams, 2.

Yolande Pompey suffered his first defeat when he was outpointed by middleweight Bobby Dawson, 10. Canadian titleholder Doug Harper retained his title by battling to a draw with Yvon Durelle, 12.

Billy LeBlanc kayoed Tino Longoria, 7. Harley Breshears kayoed Ken Kass, 3, and Mickey Williams, 2. Dick Finley kayoed Frankie Crane, 4.

Billy Kilgore kayoed Jimmy Herring, 2. Clinton Bacon beat Jimmy Morris, 6. Richie James halted Elmo Lincoln, 5.

Ted Calaman kayoed Clyde Thompson, 1. Dieter Hucks chilled Bruno Junkuhn, 4. Marcelo Ferri Kayoed Antonio Monnez, 3. Albert Gall flattened heavyweight Frank Farrington, 3.

Roger Wiley drew with Junior Washington, 6, but lost to Junior in a return sixer. Eddie Jones beat Murray Bennett, 6. Joe Tuvell kayoed John Hardy, 1.

Wadell Hanna stopped Jimmy Walls, 2. Atilio Caraune ko Antonio Fascenza, 9. Victor D'Hayes stopped by middleweight Gustav Scholz, 3. Billy Fifield kayoed Luigi Cimulini, 4.

Joey Rowan kayoed Paul Moody, 2. Johnny Jenkins stopped Bill Kennedy, 5. Arthur Howard outfought Jimmy Davis, 8.

Harvey Taylor whipped Roger Franco, 6. Vic Phayer edged out Wally Beckett, 8. Jimmy Burch beat Billy Pappas, 6.

Bob Slaughter kayoed Norman Mosley, 2. Peter Muller drew with Don Ellis, 6. Joe Gannon beat Louis Cimimelli, 6. Hans Stretz drew with Dutch Champion Wim Snoek, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson kayoed Joe Rindone, 5 (non-title). Bobby Dawson upset light heavyweight Yolande Pompey, 10.

Gil Turner outscored Pierre Langlois, 10. Willie Troy kayoed Moses Ward, 8. Joey Giardello kayoed Walter Cartier, 1.

Bobby Dykes outpointed Johnny Lombardo, 10. Jimmy Herring was stopped by light heavyweight Billy Kilgore, 2. Chico Vejar halted Harry Braelow, 6.

Goyen Small stopped Steve Marcello, 3. Wes Echols was kayoed by welterweight Joe Miceli, 3. Mickey Laurent was stopped by welterweight Johnny Saxton, 7.

Eduardo Lausse kayoed Rufino Farias, 9. Tommy Leedles defeated Lou Barry, 6. Smitty Hicks defeated Bert Gagnon, 10. Willie Vaughn whipped Jimmy Smith, 10, and drew Chebo Hernandez, 10.

Kid Azteca kayoed Lucio Moreno, 4. Ted Olla upset Al Andrews, 12. Dante Payaira stopped Juan Zalazar, 9.

Gustav Scholz halted light-heavyweights Victor D'Haes, 3, and Al Allotey, 2. Jesse Turner kayoed Henry Henderson, 4. Georgie Johnson kayoed Clarence Sampson, 2. Humberto Loayza kayoed Juan Oviedo, 4. Antonio Diaz and Tito Janhi, drew 10.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS — Bob Albright, Los Angeles, Calif.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS — Marcelo Ferri, Argentine
MIDDLEWEIGHTS — Henry Bronko, Toledo, O.
WELTERWEIGHTS — Don Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif.
LIGHTWEIGHTS — Jimmy Soo, Philadelphia, Pa.
FEATHERWEIGHTS — Michel Renvial, France
BANTAMWEIGHTS — Junior Best, Salt Lake City, Utah
FLYWEIGHTS — Joe Dundee, Quebec, Canada

Billy Ellaway stopped Bob Cleaver, 2. Johnny Sullivan whipped Arthur Acha, 8. Henry Bronko defeated Jackie Keough, 8. Bobby Boyd kayoed Tommy Swan, 8.

Eladio Herrera kayoed Rodolfo Diaz, 9. Joe Shaw kayoed Lino Armenteros, 5, and beat Don Bryant, 6. Georgie Holzman stopped Irwin Schulz, 9.

Leo Starosch chilled Hans Schmitz, 3. Sammy Walker kayoed Willie Coleman, 7, but lost to Jerome Richardson, 8. Bob Finnerty kayoed Chuck Price 3. Joe Grimard whipped Willie Grey, 8, and stopped Charlie Chase, 9.

Reggie Chartrand whipped Tony Percy, 8. Clarence Williams kayoed Eddie Silvia, 6, but was kayoed in 3 by Ricardo King. Neal Rivers stopped Jimmy McCoy, 5. Eddie Smith beat Gordon Wallace, 6.

Gary Simon beat Paul Nichols, 6. Elmer Haskell defeated Larry Busching, 6. Johnny O'Brien defeated Eddie Andrews, 6, Andrews beat Johnny Green, 6.

Felix Benson defeated Jesse Smith, 6. Phil Rizzo outslugged King Solomon, 6. Emil Koch halted Tony Baars, 3. Clem Florio defeated Cobey McCluskey, 6.

Bobby Dalton beat Art Thayer, 6. Herbert Escher halted Heinz Schroeder, 3. Al Williams beat Pete Janke, 6. Hauns Baumann outfought Heinz Schreiber, 8.

Bob McLane defeated Joey Cardenas, 6. Sanford Bulla defeated Joe Fusco, 6. Danny Rubino beat Bobby Moore, 6.

Yama Bahama decisioned Bolvin Deveaux, 6. Jules Garceau kayoed Guido Picone, 5. Johnny Bowman stopped Eddie Swift, 2. Eddie Simms kayoed Art Brown, 3.

Ray Drake beat Angelo Urgitano, 6. Gerhard Moll whipped Amandus Spitzkopf, 6.

Luxembourg Champion Franz Dhringer thrashed Henri Chebaut, 10. Martin Hansen drew with Constant Alcantara, 8. Pat McAteer decisioned Tom Meli, 8. Reuben Hernandez kayoed Boston Wilson, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Saxton halted Mickey Laurent, 7. Claude Fortin won the Canadian championship by outpointing Marcel (Rocky) Brisebois, 12.

Frankie Fernandez kayoed Phil Kim, 5. Tony DeMarco beat Wilbur Wilson, 10. Joe Miceli kayoed Wes Echols, 3.

Carmine Fiore kayoed Freddy Herman, 3. Maurice Harper outpointed Al Wilson, 10. Vince Martinez halted Rocky Casillo, 3.

Ismael Espana won the Venezuelan title by kayoing Sixto Gonzalez, 12. Isaac Logart defeated Kid Chocolate, 6, and stopped Jimmy Collins, 6. Alan Moody kayoed Ralph Alvarez, 2.

Augustino Argote beat Marshall Clayton, 12. Jed Black stopped Adrien Hefel, 7, and beat Emerson Butcher, 8. Allie Gronik whipped Billy Sudduth, 10. Johnny Salkeld beat Mickey Rhodes, 10.

Chuck Adkins stopped Jesse Underwood, 3, and beat Carl Stafford, 8. Gene Parker kayoed Jimmy Guy, 7. Dick Brewer out-

(*Continued on page 46*)

SHOWBOATS

• • By TED CARROLL

THE participants in a top flight ring contest have little opportunity to show off or clown. Complete concentration is a firm requirement on the part of pugilists if their well being inside those ropes is to be preserved. Nevertheless, we have had ringmen in the past and some in the present with such an urge for the dramatic that they've been unable to resist adding something extra to the cut-and-dried routine.

Such a one is Cuba's Kid Gavilan, whose bombastic "Bolo Punch", belittled by the critics, always sets the crowd to roaring with delight. Actually this exaggerated maneuver does little damage. The welterweight champion wins his battles with sharp left hooks, and straight rights, but the customers have come to look for this bit of "showboating" as something extra for their money, an added attraction on the bill.

Often amidst the storm and strife of battle, the agile Antillean will break into a rapid rhumba-like shuffle, followed by a flurry of blows, seldom harmful to the foe, but always getting a riotous reaction from the onlookers. Gavilan has an incurable Latin instinct for adding even to so rugged a sport as boxing a few frills here and there. Fighting Chuck Davey last winter, the Kid, with everything nicely under control, hit upon the idea of livening things up a bit by imitating Davey by boxing with his right hand extended. He did this and surprised everybody, himself included, by beating Davey at his own game.

Although a thespian at heart, Gavilan never lets the fancy stuff take over completely. He usually holds it in check until the pattern of the fight has been set and he is well on the way to victory. Then after a minute or so of coasting and loafing, he will suddenly pinwheel into action, raining aimless blows from every point of the compass, most of them deflected by his opponent's arms and elbows. Few are solid and none are decisive. The entire business becomes synchronized with a delirious din from the pro-Gavilan gallery.

This delirious display is just the frosting on the cake. Underneath the colorful coating, Kid Gavilan is a solid fist fighter, smart, rugged, game, quick and sharp hitting.

• • •

The Bolo punch which fight crowds have come to couple with Gavilan, gets its name from the sweeping motion with which field hands in the Orient and Latin-American countries use the bolo knife in cutting sugar cane. As employed by Gavilan, Beau Jack and others in the past, it was strictly for show, but in the hands of the man who was most noted for it, Filipino Ceferino Garcia, former claimant to middleweight honors, it was a big league wallop. Garcia had mastered the knack of putting real dynamite into the punch, and most of his kayo victims, and they were many, were started on the way by this sweeping uppercut.

Beau Jack, former lightweight champ, a simple soul, who fought with such gay abandon in the ring and liked it so much, he even enjoyed training, often looped the booming bolo in his desire to make the crowd enjoy fighting as much as he did. Jack, like Gavilan, was a well rounded fighter with heart ruggedness and speed, who didn't let the clowning urge hurt his effectiveness. He just liked to give the folks a show.

More than a quarter century ago, an ebony mite from Gavilan's island home, Black Bill (Eladio Valdes) turned up in the old Commonwealth Club in New York's Harlem. Bill was a fine fighter when just playing it straight, but he had brought along from Cuba a repertoire of rope tricks which were fantastic.

Lightning fast with hands and feet, the little fellow would back rapidly into the ropes, and then bounce off them like a rubber ball thrown against a stone wall. At other times he would hang suspended between the strands swaying back and forth eyeing the next movement of his opponent. Of course, this sent the crowd into hysterics.

Kid Chocolate, who followed Bill to this country, was a showman par excellance even when he wasn't trying to be one. The Cuban Bon Bon was so picturesque in movement, beautiful in action and sleek in appearance, all his bouts, win or lose, were like superb stage performances. At times the Kid would add a little extra razzle-dazzle to his exhibitions and the effect would be electric.

• • •

There has been method to the mad antics of some of our well remembered "showboats" of days gone by. Max Baer was as well known for his side-show stuff in the ring as for his good right hand punch. The old Livermore Larruper, would step back and hitch up his pants, leer and make faces at his foe and indulge in repartee with ringsiders. Fighting Tony Galento back in 1940, a match which brought together two of the most bizarre brawlers in history, Baer wound up and almost caved in Galento's midsection with one of the most gosh-awful body blows anyone ever saw.

The boys had been berating each other since the opening bell, so at this point Baer stepped back, dropped his hands and remarked, "How did you like that? You fat ————!"

Max wasn't always just clowning when he took time out for his impromptu eccentricities while in the ring, as often as not, he needed to catch his wind, since he hated to train. He invariably required a breathing spell during his fights.

Fighting Tommy Loughran in the Garden in 1931, Livermore Max, unable to locate the elusive veteran with his roundhouse rights, several times stopped in the middle of a round, turned to the crowd, hunched his shoulders and spread his arms wide, as though asking the customers just what could be done.

• • •

Old Jack Johnson liked nothing better than regaling the crowd with his uncanny knack of avoiding punishment. Jack, who wastn't in there to get hit, was a master at catching punches thrown at him in mid-air. After a particularly deft display of this art, like a ham actor reaching for applause, it was his custom to step back, flash his gold toothed grin towards the ringsiders, giving them pause to appreciate his mastery of defensive boxing.

In his later years one of Johnson's favorite tales concerned his meetings with old time heavyweight Frank Childs. Childs had been a romantic rival of Johnson's for a lady's affections in Jack's lean and hungry days. This situation led to Jack's being ousted as a non-paying roommate by Childs from their joint lodgings in Chicago one cold winter's night.

In years to come, Johnson was to box Childs several times. "I never tried to knock him out," Jack would explain, "Instead I'd just give the crowd a show by making him look foolish and handling him like a baby. Every now and then I'd ask him in the clinches how Cressie (the lady's name) was doing."

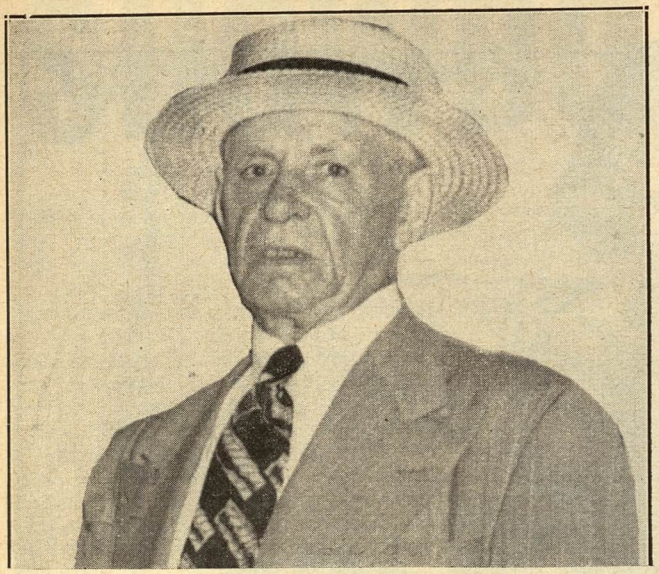
Such action afforded rapturous satisfaction to one of Johnson's temperament—a public humiliation in settlement of an old score before a delighted audience.

Like Baer, Johnson's playing up to the crowd wasn't entirely due to an inborn yearning to be an actor. No fighter following the trade for anything like the time he did, ever had less scars to show for it. One of the reasons for this was that Jack was anything but a reckless individual. The mannerisms which outwardly seemed like "showboating" were just as often motivated by a strong dislike for punishment and an overabundance of caution.

Against Jeffries at Reno in 1910, Johnson, kept up a running conversation with Jeffries' second, Jim Corbett, while treating the crowd to fulsome flashes of his gilded dentures. But all this was secondary to a careful approach

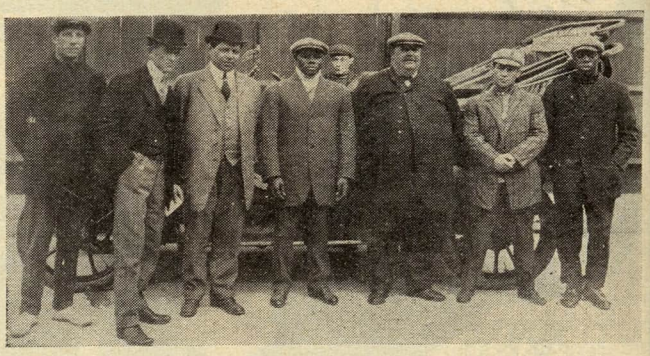
(*Continued on page 39*)

Kid GAVILAN
..ALWAYS PUTS ON A SPECIAL SHOW FOR THE CROWD WITH THE FLASHY...
BOLO PUNCH.
..SOME STARS OF THE...
FISTIC FOLLIES
MAX BAER
..WAS A NATURAL ACTOR...!! IN THE RING.!
..THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER JACK JOHNSON ..PLAYED UP TO THE CROWD..!!
Kid CHOCOLATE'S ..SHOWMANSHIP DAZZLED THE SPECTATORS.!
..THEY LOVED JOHNNY DUNDEE'S ROPE TRICK!!



Joe Woodman, past the eighty mark, honored by boxing scribes, as he looks today, spry and alert as ever.

"LANGFORD IS *Fair Fighter*"



Dapper Joe Woodman and his fighter Sam Langford (third and fourth from left) pose with a group at Langford's training camp before taking off for a Sunday drive. Jimmy Walsh, bantamweight king, and Jimmy "Liver" Davis, Sam's trainer, are on the extreme right. Jolly Jumbo balances the picture.

IN THE LANGUAGE OF JOE WOODMAN, OCTOGENARIAN MANAGER, THE TERM "FAIR" SIGNIFIES "GREAT".

By NAT LOUBET

A HIGHLIGHT of the recent Boxing Writers' Dinner in New York's Astor Hotel was the long overdue award to one of the venerables of the boxing business, silver-haired Joe Woodman.

Still alert and vigorous, the ageless Bostonian, whose boxing connection spans more than half a century, down through the years has been indelibly bracketed with old Sam Langford whom he managed for 19 years. Joe Woodman was a struggling young pharmacist when his path first crossed that of Langford back in 1902.

Woodman's age is one of the great mysteries of the boxing business but since Langford, still living, is over 70 and the still sprightly Joe was a man while Sam was a boy, Woodman must be the oldest fight manager active—an octogenarian. And active is the word for it!

He gets around with a spryness which would flatter anyone 30 years his junior. He walks an average of some 5 miles a day and thinks nothing of making thousand mile hops, here and there across the country.

At the dinner Mr. Woodman paid tribute to his old prize protege, Sam Langford as a "fair fighter", which in his terminology constitutes the highest praise. Joe is very sparing with such adjectives as "great", although even to one with his bent for understatement, Langford rates the highest superlatives.

Woodman was given a beautiful watch for his services to boxing. His presence among a gathering of more than 600 persons from all walks of life, brought back to the old timers memories of the man Joe managed for close to two decades.

Langford fought in an age when the field was loaded with the greatest fighters of all time, from bantams to heavyweights. He fought in all divisions from lightweight up and in each he faced the cream of the talent. Were Sambo in his prime today, he would make a clean up of the heavyweights so superior a fighter was he.

● ● ●

In discussing the apple of his eye, Woodman, beaming at the mere mention of the name of Langford, remarked that in his opinion Sam, nicknamed the Boston Tar Baby, was one of the best heavyweights of all time. "He fought men against whom the present crop of heavies would look like pigmies in ability", says Joe. "He never held a title though he fought for more than twenty years. Had the fates been kinder to him, he would have been the possessor of five championships."

Woodman went on to tell about the career of Langford. He told how Sambo defeated the great Joe Gans in a match in which Gans made Langford come in over the weight so that the lightweight king couldn't lose his crown. Then he fought a draw with Joe Walcott, the greatest welterweight that ever graced a roped square, added Woodman. He held his own with Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight king who is recognized by experts as the leader in his class and he gave big Jack Johnson a rough, tough time in the heavyweight sector, continued Joe. "So tough was that battle, that Johnson couldn't be induced to put his crown on the line in a title bout with Sam. Langford might have won one or all the titles held by those opponents had the chance been given to him, but unfortunately, we wouldn't get any championship matches. The leaders figured Langford's chances too great to take any chances with him."

Though he made big money as purses went in his days, he lives on charity today. When he retired, he had nothing left and several benefits were staged to help him out of his difficulty. The man who most old timers list as one of the greatest fighters of all time, resides in Boston, the city of his youth and lives on the interest from a trust fund that was raised in 1945 and nets about $1.65 a day. He receives a check for $49.50 monthly from New York.

● ● ●

Woodman was asked for the circumstances under which he became the manager of the Boston Tar Baby.

"It was in November, 1902," said Joe. "The air was sharp. I was sitting at the back door of my little drug store when along came a lean, hungry-looking young Negro lad shivering under a bathrobe and leading a yaller dog. Both the dog and its owner were looking for some food. Each appeared to have gone without it for some time. The lad doffed his cap and asked:

'Aint yah got some work I kin do, Mister?'

"I told him I had nothing but for pity handed him a quarter and told him to be on his way. I left the store to go over to the Lennox Club to arrange a small card for the following night and when I got back, there in front of the drug store was the Negro boy with a load of doughnuts and broken cakes, feeding himself and his dog. The janitor told me that while I was gone, the boy helped clean up and washed the window.

"What's yer name, sonny?, I asked."

'Tham Langford', he replied with a grin.

"Well yer a willing boy and maybe I can find something

(*Continued on page* 44)

Grinning Nino Valdes (right), Cuban and Central American heavyweight champion, receives The Ring's Progress of the Year Award, from Nat Fleischer, president of the Boxing Writers' Association.

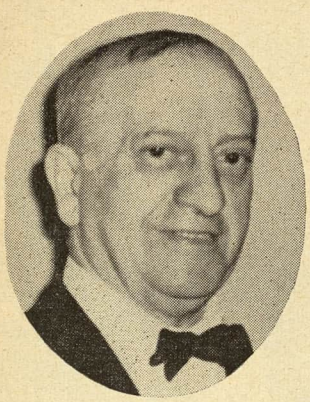
Dr. Vincent Nardiello (left), recipient of the James J. Walker Memorial Award for long and meritorious service to boxing, is plaqued by Robert K. Christenberry, Chairman of the N. Y. Commission.

1953 AWARD WINNERS

(Left) Kid Gavilan, world welterweight champion, is honored with the Edward J. Neil Award, presented by Jack Dempsey, at the annual Boxing Writers' Association dinner, held at the Hotel Astor.

(Right) Dr. Clilan B. Powell (left) of the New York Commission, does the Rookie of the Year honors, making the presentation to light heavyweight Floyd Patterson.

(Below) The Honored Guests. Kid Gavilan, Floyd Patterson and Dr. Vincent Nardiello pose with their just desserts after the highly successful dinner which saw the writers also presenting the Fistic Follies of 1953. Joe Woodman, old-time manager, and Sandy Saddler, featherweight champion now in service, were also honored.



Nat FLEISCHER says:

Charley Norkus Comes To Public's Rescue

Walcott Threatens To Resume Ring Career

Johnson's Chances For Title Bout Slim.

FLORIDA fight fans are still talking about the Pier Six brawl between Danny Nardico and Charley Norkus that took place a few days before the Joey Maxim-Archie Moore world championship fight. It will be recalled that reams of publicity were furnished the public for many weeks by those who were trying to maneuver Nardico into a world heavyweight title bout with Rocky Marciano. Fortunately Norkus took a firm hand in settling such nonsense.

While Nardico is an excellent light heavyweight and had he not been so badly chilled in his fight with Norkus, would now figure prominently as an opponent for Moore, he lost whatever chances he had for such a contest by the knockout he suffered in 2.15 of the ninth round of the gory battle. The contest, reported as one of the bloodiest brawls of recent years, saw Nardico floored once in the second round, three times in the third, once in the fourth and twice in the ninth.

He decked Norkus in the fourth and seventh sessions. It was a battle similar in some respects to the Collins affair in Boston which aroused the public that had seen it on television. Fortunately the Norkus-Nardico bout was neither televised nor broadcast. Had it been, the chances are the affair would have been halted before the ninth.

Although many fans were thrilled by the knockdowns and the terrific action, the fight showed to what extent the public would have been bamboozled had Al Weill and Lou Viscuso put over a Marciano-Nardico fight for a world crown. There are only three opponents who figure in the heavyweight scramble at this stage—Nino Valdez, Ezzard Charles and Danny Bucceroni. Of the trio, Bucceroni will be the easiest for Rocky with Valdez next. Charles, despite his defeat months ago by Valdez who is riding high because of that victory and the knockout the Cuban gained over Heinz Neuhaus in Germany, is the man most feared by Weill and Marciano. Charles will give Rocky his toughest battle and has the best chance to triumph. That fight is the outstanding one at this writing and should draw three-quarters of a million with radio, television and movie rights.

• • •

When Toronto can get a turnout of 14,737 fight fans who paid $45,261.00 to see a native son, Earl Walls in a contest, it is high time for American promoters to sit up and take notice. What has Toronto that cannot be duplicated in New York's Madison Square Garden, for example? For several months, ever since he knocked out Rex Layne twice —once in Edmonton and the second time in Salt Lake City— Earl Walls and his mentor had been trying to get some action in our country but without result. "He is not known here," was the general comment of promoters.

Yet he had rolled up a good record, had gained a high spot, number five in world heavyweight rankings, and based on his terrific punch, was far more deserving of a chance to obtain top billing than was Bob Satterfield and others who have been engaged time and again in repeat performances. But Walls was an outsider. None of the International Guild outfit had control. Hence he was ignored.

But a Toronto promoter was willing to gamble. He made Walls an offer to fight a U. S. heavyweight. Tommy Harrison, who had been seen several times in main events under International Boxing Club, a fighter who had lost a close verdict to Jimmy Slade, lost to Bucceroni and to Charles,

Smiling Jersey Joe Walcott handles his first case as an officer in the Juvenile Delinquency Court of Camden, New Jersey.

all on TV shows promoted by Jim Norris, was signed as Walls' opponent. And the bout not only drew a larger gate than did the lightweight championship fight in Montreal between Armand Savoie and Jimmy Carter, but resulted in an upset defeat for Walls, a defeat that cost him his high standing and enabled Harrison to get back in the spotlight.

So it is with boxing. Surprises come often. The Canadians had hoped that Walls would reach a spot where he could command a bout for the world heavyweight title, but now his hopes and those of his followers have been shattered. The best he can do is to go to Europe to seek a match with Don Cockell for the British Empire crown, a bout which I understand won't be given to him. If Cockell should defeat Roland La Starza in their coming contest, a victory I feel he will score, then Jack Solomons expects to have Don come to America to fight Marciano in an international contest that should draw as well as did the Louis-Farr bout. International matches, especially between British and American champions, usually do pretty well at the gate.

Walls' gamble costs him heavily. The victory of Cockell over Johnny Arthur in Johannesburg, if followed by a La Starza triumph, will put Don right in line for a September championship match in America. Canada no longer figures in the heavyweight championship picture.

• • •

A new organization has been founded in New York which hopes to care for veteran boxers and managers in their old age. It is the Veterans Boxers Association of which Jack Grebelsky, former fighter, has been chosen president and Benny Nabors, another old time favorite, treasurer. Others elected are Johnny Price, vice-president; Eddie Schor, recording secretary; Sammy Berne, Frankie Ritchie, Pete De Grasse, Oscar Godlman and Al Rube Goldberg, Board of Directors. Wildcat O'Connor and Abe Wolansky are also on the executive board.

The organization plans to purchase a health farm for sick and disabled veterans of the ring and to establish a hospitalization fund and information center. If the V.B.A. can carry out its plans, it will be a most worthy organization. A home for veteran boxers is something worth looking for.

● ● ●

By degrees the mixed bouts ban that has been law in Southern states for many years, is being abolished. North and South Carolina and Florida have lifted it, as should be done throughout the country, and now Negroes are not compelled to face only members of their own race in boxing and other sports. Baseball started it. With lucrative promotions possible by having major league teams appear on home courts in the South, it didn't take long for the civic associations to ask for the repeal of laws that would enable Negroes and "Whites" to play on the same team or against each other. Now the same is possible in boxing.

Only a few years ago it was impossible for Mike Jacobs to arrange a world heavyweight championship fight for Florida in which Joe Louis was to defend his crown against a Caucasian. But a few weeks ago, Archie Moore was given the green light to fight Joey Maxim, a condition that meets the spirit of true Americanism. Race, color and creed no longer are considered in arranging sports programs in Florida. Kid Gavilan defended his welter crown against Bobby Dykes in a mixed match some months ago.

Now Texas is facing the problem of discrimination. It is interesting to note that in a test case brought in Fort Worth, by a fighter, I. H. "Sporty" Harvey, a 25-years-old freight employee, a hornet's nest stirred up in which politicians as well as sportsmen were involved. Testimony offered by Harvey tended to prove that he was being deprived of a chance to earn a living as a boxer because the commission refused to sanction mixed bouts and there are not sufficient men of calibre in his class in his own race to make boxing worth while financially, but the court ruled otherwise. His petition was denied and Texas, according to the court has a right to ban mixed matches.

Labor Commissioner M. B. Morgan, who is supervisor of boxing and wrestling, opposing the petition, told the court he is against mixed matches because in his opinion, changing the Texas Law will hurt boxing and wrestling and kill Golden Gloves competition. He declared that the customers will remain away if mixed bouts are held and that heavy losses would be sustained by promoters. Apparently Mr. Morgan is not a commissioner who has studied the situation in other states. If he had, he would soon have learned that about seventy percent of the nation's foremost fighters in all classes, and that includes amateurs and pros, are Negroes.

In boxing, Negroes are champions in the light heavyweight class, the welterweight, the lightweight and feather divisions.

● ● ●

Like many other retired boxers, Jersey Joe Walcott has decided to enter the field as a manager. This, in addition to his special work as a member of the Juvenile Delinquency Court of Camden, New Jersey. In the latter post, the former heavyweight champion of the world will set up a city gymnasium and will direct youth clubs in a move to reduce delinquency. The job will pay Walcott $3500 a year.

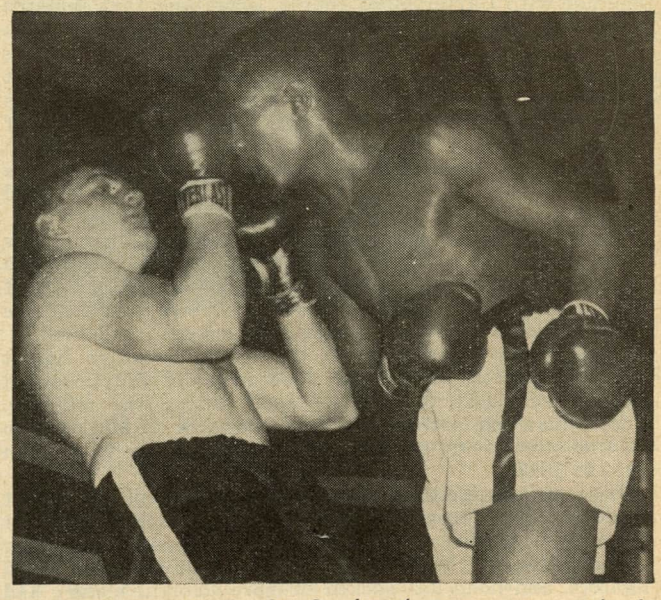
It's not because of the pay that Joe took the assignment. He has always been a strong advocate of recreation centers for boys and has given a helping hand on many occasions to charity organizations that have sponsored boys' club projects. The work is right up his alley and he'll do a good job.

As for the management of fighters, other retired heavyweight kings have done likewise, but with the exception of Jack Sharkey who had a half interest in Ernie Schaaf who was killed in a bout with Primo Carnera, none have succeeded. Jim Jeffries took over several fighters but could never get one who made the grade. Jim Corbett failed in handling Tom Cowler, a giant white hope. Jack Dempsey had a number of fine prospects but with the exception of Red Burman who fought Joe Louis and already had been developed before the Manassa Mauler became co-manager

(*Continued on page* 47)

Gathering of sports notables at the Golden Anniversary dinner of the Philadelphia Sports Writers where placques were awarded to celebrities in several branches, including journalism. Left to right—Standing—Willie Hoppe, billiards; Jack Kelly, rowing; George Mikan, basketball; Jesse Owens, track and field; Al Rosen, baseball. Sitting, Nat Fleischer, Editor; Joe Louis, boxing, and J. D. Roberts, football. Louis was voted the outstanding fighter of the last fifty years. The Ring Editor received his award for services rendered over a period of fifty years as a writer.

The end of championship aspirations for Earl Walls, Canada's premier heavyweight. Here he is seen battered and bleeding from attack by Tommy Harrison who defeated him in ten rounds before gathering at Toronto, that paid more than $46,000 to see the action.

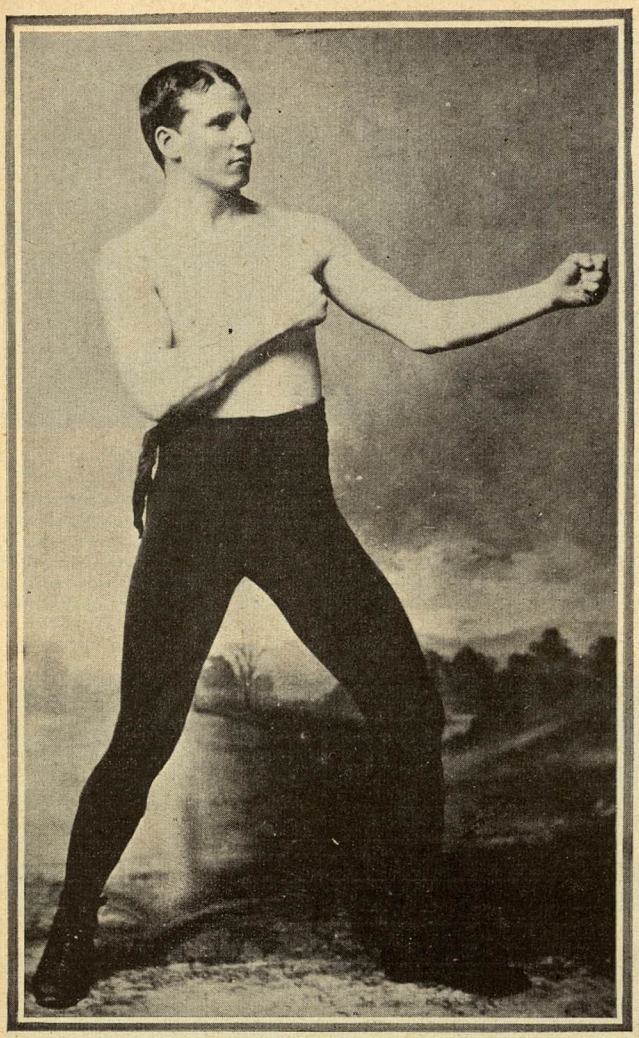


Tommy Jackson puts an end to Rex Layne's career as top notcher by scoring K.O. in 1.44 of sixth round at Eastern Parkway. Layne, helpless against ropes in fourth session.

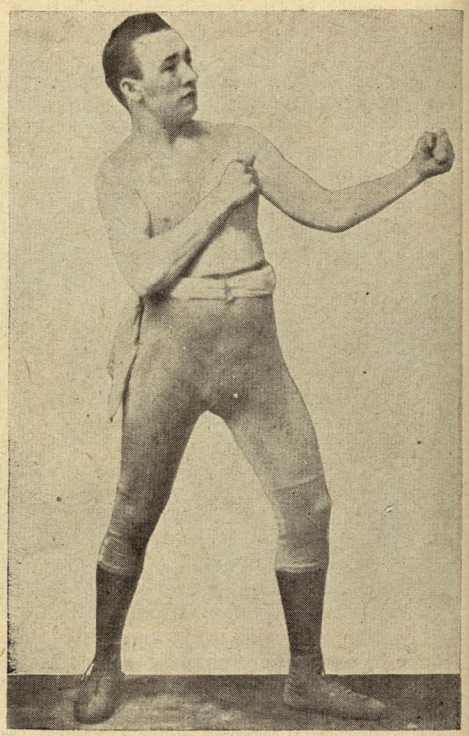
a bit about BROOKLYN

(This is the first installment of a two-part series on the long, colorful boxing history of Brooklyn, and the champions and near-champions developed there.)

By JERSEY JONES



Dempsey the Nonpareil, first and heaviest of Brooklyn's noted Three Jacks, became world middleweight champion.



McAuliffe, who followed his pal Dempsey to ring glory, became lightweight champion and retired undefeated.

AT long last, that distinctive community known as Brooklyn is renewing its association with ring royalty.

It's been a long time—a long, long time, indeed—since Brooklyn has had a world champion, or even a serious title contender. But it finally is getting a chance to shoot for major fistic laurels. Paddy DeMarco is matched with Jimmy Carter for the latter's lightweight championship.

How DeMarco fares in his Madison Square Garden get-together with Carter is, of course, something that remains to be seen. Paddy isn't quite the fighter he was a couple of years ago. At his rough-and-tumble best, he'd have figured no worse than even-money against Carter. In recent months, however, the Bully Boy has been displaying obvious signs of wear and tear, and there's no saying how much of his one-time strength, ruggedness and endurance he has left.

Win, lose or draw, however, Paddy at least is getting his big chance—and once again Brooklyn is bidding for a world title.

It's been a dozen years since the most populous of New York City's five boroughs was represented in world championship listings. The last title-holder to bill himself out of Brooklyn was Lou Salica, who won and lost the bantam laurels a couple of times between 1935 and 1942.

Until Salica flashed across the scene, Brooklyn hadn't had a champion since Eddie (Cannonball) Martin ruled the bantam roost for a brief spell during the mid-'20s. Before that, the last one had been southpaw Al McCoy, who held a precarious grip on the middleweight title from 1914 to 1917.

It seems strange that, through the years, Brooklyn hasn't made a better record for itself in titular competition. It certainly hasn't been for lack of talent or opportunity. Few communities in the land have turned out as many good fighters, and none has packed in more colorful history and tradition.

AMONG Brooklyn's early contributions to classic ring lore were the noted "Three Jacks"—middleweight Dempsey (the Nonpareil), lightweight McAuliffe and featherweight Skelly. They flourished during the '80s and '90s, their careers spanning the waning years of bare-knuckle brawling under the London Prize Ring Rules and the infant era of the modern Marquis of Queensberry code.

In those days, Brooklyn was a city by itself, and hadn't yet been influenced into merging its interests with those of its trans-East River rival, New York. It was in 1898 that they blended forces, and Brooklyn became one of the Greater City's five boroughs, but it has never quite lost its own peculiar individuality, as the baseball world will readily attest.

Dempsey, McAuliffe and Skelly were out of the Williamsburg section, then populated mainly by Irish immigrant families. In fact, Dempsey and McAuliffe were born in Ireland. They were toddling tots when their clans crossed the Atlantic and settled in Brooklyn. Skelly, the youngest of the trio, was a native Brooklynite.

It was Dempsey's success as a fighter that inspired McAuliffe into trying his luck in the ring, and the accomplishments of the older Jacks were responsible for Skelly's start. The three were working together in the same Brooklyn factory, Palmer's Cooperage.

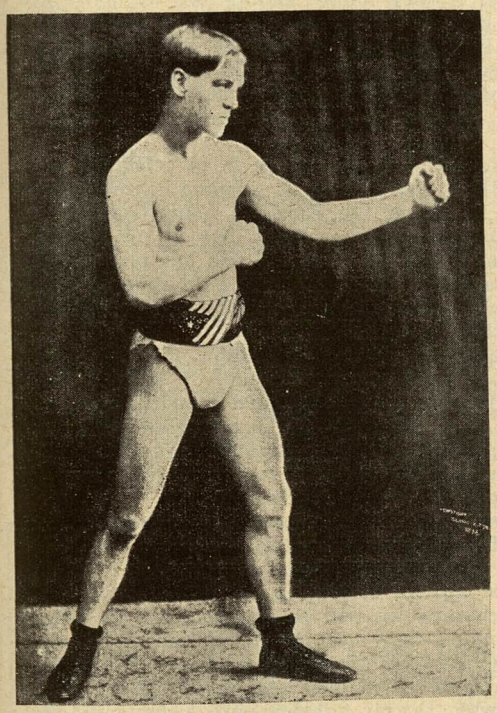
Dempsey started his athletic career as a wrestler, emulating an older brother, Martin, but fighting had more appeal to him, and he was 20 when he turned to the prize ring early in 1883. He was a success from the start, and within a year and a half had advanced to the point where he disputed the Canadian George Fulljames' claim to the world middleweight title. The rivals tangled on Staten Island, and Dempsey won by a knockout in the 22nd round.

As champion, Dempsey was unbeaten until George LaBlanche scored his starting 32-round victory over him in San Francisco in 1889. La Blanche's triumph was ruled out, however, because of the use of the illegal pivot punch, and Dempsey continued to be recognized as champion until January, 1891, when Bob Fitzsimmons halted him in the 13th stanza in New Orleans.

Dempsey's health was failing when he lost to Fitz—the dreaded tuberculosis had already taken hold—and four and a half years later the wasted remains of Brooklyn's first champion were laid away on a lonely mountainside near Portland, Oregon. The Nonpareil was only 33 when he died, the full width of a continent away from the old stamping grounds in Brooklyn.

McAULIFFE was 18 when he started boxing as a bantam in 1884. Like Dempsey, he was a "natural", and after a brief but sensational career in the amateurs, he turned professional. By '86, McAuliffe had grown into a lightweight, and claimed the vacant world title when he knocked out Billy Frazier in the 21st round in Boston. Early in '87 he strengthened his claim by stopping Harry Gilmore in the 28th session in Lawrence, Mass.

McAuliffe was credited with going through his entire career without defeat, and he still billed himself as world lightweight champion when he retired from the ring in 1896. Actually, however, Jack never held the world title—



"Terrible Terry" McGovern, one of the most spectacular sluggers the ring has known. Before he was 21, McGovern had blasted his way to two world titles, bantam and feather, and beaten lightweight champion in handicap match.

he was American champion only—and his record was not quite as spotless as it appears on paper. He was getting the worse of it in a brawl with the English champion, Jem Carney, in Lawrence in 1887 when irate spectators crashed into the ring in the 74th round, and the fight was stopped. The decision was a draw. Then, in 1894, McAuliffe was awarded a weird verdict over the Australian, Young Griffo, in a ten-rounder at Coney Island. From all accounts, Griffo was a clear winner, and the decision in McAuliffe's favor precipitated a lusty storm of criticism in sporting circles. That same year, also at Coney Island, Jack had another lucky break when he was getting some rough treatment from Owen Ziegler. The police saved him from probable defeat by halting the bout at the end of the third round, and the result went into the record books as a draw.

A natty dresser, with a colorful personality, McAuliffe became quite a Man About Broadway when he retired from the ring. He went into show business, and for years did well with a monologue act in vaudeville. He was 71 when he died in Forest Hills, out on Long Island.

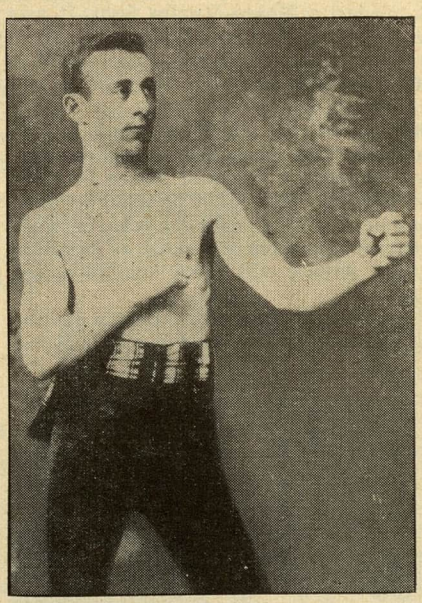
SKELLY never matched either of the older Jacks in scaling the championship heights, but he did earn one rare distinction—he fought for a world title in his first professional bout. It was McAuliffe who talked him into turning pro and meeting George Dixon in the historic three-day Carnival of Champions held in New Orleans on September 5-6-7, 1892. McAuliffe was appearing on the elaborate program, defending his lightweight laurels against Billy Myer, the Streator Cyclone.

The grand finale of the Carnival was a heavyweight match between the aging champion, John L. Sullivan, and a cocky young upstart from California, James J. Corbett.

The promoters had George Dixon lined up for the show, and were looking for an opponent. Dixon claimed both the bantam and the feather titles, and was willing to defend either or both. McAuliffe suggested his pal, Skelly, despite the fact that the youngest of the Three Jacks had never fought professionally.

Skelly had been outstanding as an amateur. Fighting as a bantam, he had compiled a sensational record in six years of operations, winning every title, national and international, for which he had competed. But he was now up against a ticklish problem. Jack liked boxing as a sport, a pastime. He had no desire to follow Dempsey and McAuliffe into the professional ring, but he had fought himself out of opposition in the amateurs and inactivity didn't set too well with him. It didn't require too much persuasion on McAuliffe's part to get him to accept the New Orleans assignment, particularly since Skelly had seen Dixon in action, and felt he had a good chance of beating Little Chocolate. The bout was arranged for the featherweight title.

What chance Skelly may have had of whipping Dixon went a-glimmering when Jack was taken ill with malaria while training for the bout. He recovered but the attack left him well below par physically. He refused to call off the match, however, and insisted on going through with it. While his strength held out, Skelly gave a good account of himself, but the combination of Dixon's experience and his own weakness proved too much, and Jack was stopped in the eighth round.



Featherweight Skelly, youngest and lightest of the Three Jacks, was unable to match the others in scaling world championship heights, but he earned a rare distinction by fighting for a title in his first professional bout.

Skelly continued to fight professionally until 1897, and was rated one of the era's top featherweights. Financially, he did well for himself, and after hanging up the mittens he had a long, varied career as fight promoter, trainer and referee, tavern owner and sports writer. Skelly was 83 when he died in Queens General Hospital on Long Island a year ago.

WITH the passing of the Three Jacks from the big-time fighting scene, Brooklyn came up with its next

(*Continued on page* 47)

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

MORE than fifty million people were treated to the rare sight of a world light heavyweight championship match from Miami, Fla., on January 27. But in tuning in, the sight seemed more well done than rare, for there were Archie Moore and Joey Maxim, engaging in Act Three of the show with a maxim, "The Moore the Merrier." The plot is brewing thinner as we hit the bottom of the vat and run out of cities. And truly, truly, Maxim was bunged up in this one.

It was the third meeting of the pair and the third time Moore defeated Maxim, which automatically should give him permanent possession. The road show started when Archie asked Pal Joey to "meet me in St. Louie." The opening date was December 17, 1952, and Moore cruised in to the cruiserweight title when he easily won a fifteen round decision. But business was good, with the St. Louis area blacked out, and the fight grossed $89,000, TV and radio adding $50,000 more.

From there the road company moved to Ogden, Utah. Some script changes and it was a close fight. The receipts came to $52,000 and the television revenue amounted to another fifty grand. Lucky millions were again in on all this and the lucky Inter-Mountain area was blacked out. There was nothing too sensational about this fight except that, though we didn't see it, at least we heard about the rebirth of the straight left hook.

Having given oportunities to the people of the Mid-West and the Far-West not to view a Moore-Maxim fight, it was then decided to bring this good fortune to some Eastern fans. Miami was the lucky site. The gross there came to an engrossing $88,000 and TV and radio brought in yet another $50,000.

Moore gave a convincing showing when he wasn't hitting Joey below the Maxim-Dixon Line, the aged Archie seeming to have discovered the Fountain of Youth of Ponce De Leon (not the Spokane heavyweight). No doubt he was moved to these youthful exertions by the TV announcer who, between the seventh and eighth rounds, gave his date of birth as December 17, 1936. Alas, Archie will never see '36 again, but then, who will?

If you had your TV set turned on but were only watching the commercials, the sound portion informed you that Moore was leading two knockdowns to none. At the start of the program it was mentioned that the City of Miami was using new scoring methods that night, the NBA 10-point "must" system. They "must" have but it seemed for a moment, or more, that no one had informed the referee, for in giving instructions to the fighters he warned them that a low blow would cost a fighter a point, and a point might cost him a round—and a round might cost him the fight. As the decision is based on the total points scored—and not rounds—the plot, stirred by confusion, thickened. What's going on? What's coming off? Who's on first? Get your red-hot adding machines. Can't tell a winner without a comptometer!

But it all had a very happy ending for we were told Moore won, two knockdowns to none, just about everybody—but everybody—in Miami was thanked for their fine cooperation (except Irwin Schulz) and rumors now are rife that the production of "The Moore the Merrier" will move down to Buenos Aires. South America, take them away!

Voicing Their Opinions. Libby Manzo (left), promising New York lightweight who has a TV and radio singing career ahead of him, tries to prove it as voice instructor Eddie Miller (center), who was once with the Avon Comedy Four, listens. Fred Allen looks as if the sounds are coming from Allen's Alley.

THE first professional boxing show to be televised from Montreal (CBFT) was the recent Armand Savoie trouncing of Houston Brown at the Mont St. Louis Gymnasium. It was far from an exciting fight but it proved that Canadian TV has made rapid strides and has placed itself on a par with the American brand when a six-rounder which followed the main event was well on its way to stealing the show—and then silently stole away.

Dexter Connors, a Negro lightweight, had just been floored by hard-hitting Sammy Fortuno of Montreal and saved by the bell at the end of the third round. Then—you guessed it—the TV time, after commercials, was up. Hundreds of thousands of Les Canadiens were left breathless at that breath-taking, critique moment, left wondering what would happen in the fast-moving scrap.

Would Connors come out for round four? Could he last out the fight? The tune-in-next-week routine was working, unintentionally, wonderfully. But in case our Canadian-cousins never got around to finding out what happened in that historic encounter we will be good enough to inform them. Well, Connors came out for round four, after commercials, and was far from groggy or out in the rounds that followed. In fact, he came back strong to fight Fortuno the rest of the way, Dexter fighting with a dexterity that earned him a popular draw. His opponent, who almost had him out, just wasn't in good Fortuno that night.

• • •

No opponents for Rocky Marciano? Don't be too sure for we've got a newcomer in our midst—arrived on A Streetcar Named Desire— a real Wild One! Marlon Brando recently flattened a pretty fair crop of heavyweights in quick succession in one night in Hoboken, including Abe Simon, Tony Galento, Vince Barbi, Billy Doerner, Mike O'Dowd, Lee Oma, Tami Mauriello and Jack DeMave. What was all the shooting about? Well, it was about a film, "Waterfront," being shot by Horizon-American. Seems they had more action in that one night than Abe Greene's Fair State saw all last year. Which just shows the state of affairs. Well, three rousing Viva Zapata's and we're off.

• • •

Without trying to overtax the patience of our readers at this very taxing time of the year, a few notes on the subject. The Massachusetts legislature was asked recently to tax

boxing bouts televised or broadcast from Bay State ringsides. Otis M. Whitney, state public safety commissioner and boxing commission chairman, filed a bill proposing a five per cent tax on the gross receipts from the sale of TV or broadcast rights. The bill also would tax theater TV. It would levy a similar five per cent tax on the gross receipts of promoters charging admission for television screening of bouts fought elsewhere.

And taxing this to the upmost, we note that Abe Greene, of the New Jersey Commission, and Robert K. Christenberry, of the New York Commission, recently have suggested that a tax of two per cent of the money derived from television be used to aid the small, local clubs reestablish themselves. Which just about takes care of everything, except important items like yours and my income tax.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . Tele-Census' Survey No. 10, reflecting the opinions of 2,500 teleset owners in the 16 economic districts of greater Los Angeles, reveals that sports are the third favorite TV program of viewers, and a resounding percentage of people want more sports shows.

Barbara Barge, of Paola, Kansas, barges in to tell us we're off the beam in the February issue when we mention the fact that Pierre Langlois and Tiger Jones were seen on TV seven times in 1953 but neglected to give a similar accounting of Rocky Castellani. Needless to say, it was an oversight, a quick glance at our records showing that Castellani flickered before the screens with Tiger Jones, Pierre Langlois twice, Johnny Lombardo, Mickey Laurent and Gil Turner. The one thriller we failed to tune in on—a Saturday Night production (ABC-TV) from Toledo—was his joust with Jackie Keough. Barbara, obviously we were not looking through the Keough that night.

A health survey from U.C.L.A. informs us that due to the mechanism of their eyes, flies, bees and etceteras can't focus properly on a video screen and so it wouldn't do them any good to watch television. Interviewing a son of a bee as he buzzed busily about before making a beeline for an open window, he came up with a honey of an answer. His stinging retort was, "So who cares? You don't think I'd ever get stung buying one of those anyway." Ouch!

Bill Stern, sportscaster for ABC and ABC-TV, was named "Leading Radio Sportscaster of 1953" by radio-TV editors throughout the country in a poll by Motion Pictures Daily. He was also chosen among the top three sportscasters in television. Stern just a few weeks ago signed an exclusive, long-term radio and TV contract with ABC, in the capacity of sports announcer, commentator, reporter and consultant.

The Motor City Arena fights of Promoter Julius Piazza, seen over WXYZ-TV (Detroit) have moved from Thursday night to a Monday night spot. . . . Libby Manzo, promising young New York lightweight with a fine voice, has problems. Whether to pursue a successful ring career or a successful singing career. Perhaps he can combine the two and rock his opponents to sleep with a lullaby. . . . Ham Fisher, who developed one of the greatest heavyweights and Americans of all time, Joe Palooka, has a weekly TV series.

Rocky Graziano, that thes-pisano who's proving a knockout on television, was viewed with alarm by an awe-struck producer who, when he had Rocky's lines interpreted, referred to him as a "finished product." As it could be taken up in two ways, our Rocky naturally found a third meaning and, pride hurt, is said to have said, "I ain't Finnish, om Eyetalian-American."

While the Wednesday night sponsor has gone all-out to extend their TV coverage of fights (there are now 93 stations carrying the bouts every week) they returned to radio for the Moore-Maxim mill, with Jack Drees handling the blow-by-blow description and Lewis Burton trotting out the in-between rounds color commentary. It was the sixteenth world championship match presented on the Wednesday series, in this the fourth year of telecasts of major fights over the CBS-TV Network. More than 200 different fighters have been seen in over 170 of these fights, carried direct from 22 different cities, with the latest being Minneapolis. A crew of five travels the country throughout the year in order to telecast the bouts, logging more than 350,000 air miles traveling to and from fight originations since the original program. Among the championship telecasts, the shortest bout was the middleweight title fracas between Ray Robinson and Rocky Graziano, with Robinson kayoing the Rock in the third round. Ezzard Charles and Kid Gavilan are now tied for the most appearances on this series, each having been seen eleven times.

Saturday Night Fights (ABC-TV) screened bouts three consecutive weeks from California, the Olson-Rindone bout from San Francisco, Miceli-Echols from Richmond and the Harper-Wilson bout from Sacramento.

The Friday Night sponsor weighs in with two title bouts in a month over the NBC-TV Network. On March 5, Jimmy Carter risked his lightweight title against Paddy DeMarco, TV and radio rights bringing $40,000, and then on April 2 the Friday night show makes one of its rare exits from New York to televise a championship match, when from the Chicago Stadium they bring the Bobo Olson-Kid Gavilan middleweight title bout. Radio and TV revenue will be in the very nice neighborhood of $115,000.

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
MONDAY			
EASTERN PARKWAY ARENA	BROOKLYN, N. Y.	DUMONT NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
SOUTH GATE ARENA	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KHJ-TV	MARK SCOTT
MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT, MICH.	WXYZ-TV	FRED WOLF
‡MONT ST. LOUIS OR FORUM	MONTREAL	CBFT	MIKE NORMANDIN
TUESDAY			
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KTLA	REID KILPATRICK and DICK GARTON
WEDNESDAY			
THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	CBS-TV NETWORK	RUSS HODGES and JACK DREES
THURSDAY			
MEADOWBROOK BOWL OR LAUREL GARDEN	NEWARK, N. J.	WATV	FRED SAYLES
FRIDAY			
BOXING FROM MADISON SQUARE GARDEN OR ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK, N. Y.	*NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
SATURDAY			
THE SATURDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK GREGSON
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.	KECA-TV	HANK WEAVER

*Also heard over the ABC radio network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliott, announcers.
‡Every other Monday.

The Michigan Wildcat

The story of Ad Wolgast, former world lightweight champion
PART THREE (Conclusion)

By NAT FLEISCHER

Ad Wolgast (left), preparing for his fight with Willie Ritchie for the lightweight title in 1912, poses with California bantamweight Eddie Campi before going in for a swim at Jack Doyle's at Vernon, Calif.

AD WOLGAST had been lightweight champion barely two years when Willie Ritchie, a young coal and ice man of San Francisco began to loom as a comer in the lightweight division. At the time San Francisco was practically the center of the cauliflower industry and was cluttered up with promising lightweights. Among them was One Round Hogan who started by knocking out all of his opponents in the first round but wound up by getting himself knocked out in one round. There were many others but the best was Ritchie.

His great difficulty was making the lightweight limit of 133 pounds, much the same as in the case of Benny Leonard when the class limit was raised to 135. He was about Leonard's size and with the same inclination to fill out and he was matched by James J. Coffroth to fight Wolgast for the championship.

At that time Ad had come to be recognized somewhat as invincible as was Nelson until it was proved otherwise. The man who beat the Durable Dane at his own game had nothing to fear from Ritchie who was considered a mere novice. Ritchie's chances were considered slim and for a time it seemed that the betting gentry was correct in making him the long shot.

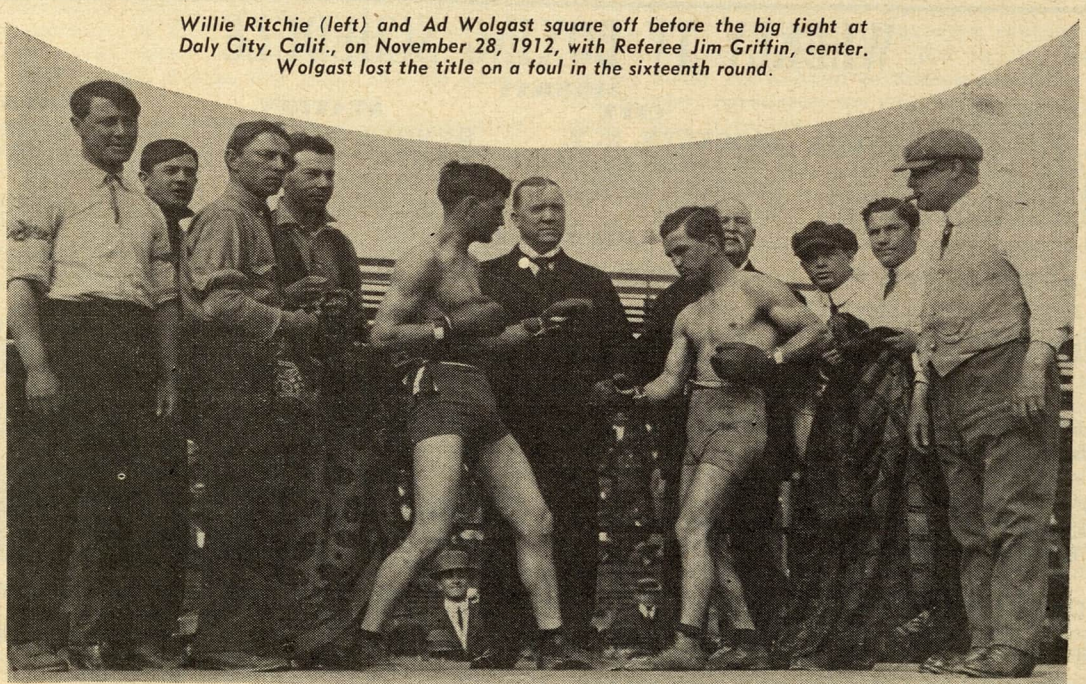
Wolgast came bounding out of his corner at the start of the fight and was bent on giving Willie the same dose he had handed out to Nelson. He proceeded to claw Ritchie in the manner of a wildcat.

Ritchie looked drawn. He had some difficulty making the weight and showed it in his fighting. He also seemed to be bewildered by the reputation of his opponent and by Ad's aggressiveness. Wolgast ripped into him for ten rounds and it appeared that the bout couldn't go the limit.

In the sixteenth round Wolgast was rushing Ritchie who was backing up and seemed to be growing weaker. Ad was now thinking of ending the fight as soon as possible.

Suddenly Ritchie swung a long wild right. It caught Wolgast on the

Willie Ritchie (left) and Ad Wolgast square off before the big fight at Daly City, Calif., on November 28, 1912, with Referee Jim Griffin, center. Wolgast lost the title on a foul in the sixteenth round.



point of the jaw. Wolgast spun around, saving himself from falling on his face by putting one glove on the canvas. From this position he struck two blind blows at Ritchie's groin.

Both were foul and hurt. Referee Jim Griffin angered by Ad's action, looked down on him, raised the hand of Ritchie and declared Willie the winner on a foul.

The little Dutchman apparently was out when he struck the blows with rattlesnake instinct to kill in the last spring.

Thus Wolgast lost the crown he had won from Nelson. But the loss of the title didn't cause him to hang up his gloves in camphor and call it quits. He still carried on with a fighting heart, though much of his skill was now gone. His draw in twenty rounds with Harlem Tommy Murphy following the loss to Ritchie, was one of only two more contests in which he engaged after that defeat in which the distance scheduled was beyond ten rounds and almost all of his fights were no-decision affairs.

He fought Murphy on Washington's birthday, 1913 at Daly City, California in a thrilling twenty rounder that was called a draw. Then Ad faced him again on April 19 of that same year at the same club where he was defeated in twenty rounds. With the exception of one twenty rounder with Lee Morrissey at Idaho Falls, on September 4, 1916 which ended in a draw, Wolgast's marathon bouts were terminated with the Murphy contests.

● ● ●

One fight I always like to recall, is the sensational battle between Wolgast and Knockout Brown in New York during the Frawley Law era. It was staged on March 11, 1911, shortly after the law went into effect. Only a few months previous, the Michigan Wildcat and 'Kayo' had fought a no-decision bout in Philadelphia in which Wolgast received a shellacking and naturally in their return engagement Ad was out for revenge.

Tom O'Rourke, owner of the National Sporting Club in New York figured the return would be a big money maker and he clinched it for his club. In those days when a fight was spectacular, there was little dilly-dallying in quickly signing for another match and so it was with this pair.

On the night of the contest the club house was jammed to the rafters. The bout started with a rush and ended the same way. It was a fight of continuous action from start to finish.

The cross-eyed little Dutchman from New York, with his tantalyzing style, troubled the champ but the Michigan Wildcat was a devil in his own right and what a scrap they gave the public! The roof was raised by the wild applause of the fans as round after round found the pair going at each other like wildcats. Brown had a right like the kick of a mule and he used it frequently much to the discomforture of his opponent.

No sooner had the gong sounded than there they were in the center of the ring milling away, toe-to-toe in almost every session. On several occasions, especially in the eighth, the lightweight crown tottered on the head of Wolgast. The only way he could lose it in those no-decision days was by a knockout and it seemed that at any moment that would happen.

Once Brown's dynamic right crashed against the jaw of Wolgast and rocked his head. The championship was now within his grasp, if he had followed up his advantage. But he didn't and it cost him the crown.

It all happened suddenly. Brown, the advantage with him, staggered Ad, came forward, mouth open and gasping for breath. The crowd yelled for Brown to finish him. Instead, he stood and gaped at the champion. Something had happneed to make him halt the vicious attack.

What was it? The New York Dutchman explained it later in his dressing room when his manager, Dumb Dan Morgan bawled him out for not following up and ending the fight.

"I wuz tinking. I remembered how Leach Cross fooled us by stalling. I taut Ad was doin a stallin' act and I didn't want to take chances. So I stepped away."

Morgan was frantic as he upraided 'Kayo' in the dressing room.

"Just one more blow and you would have had him and the title. Any kind of a punch would have turned the trick. Why did you do it," shrieked Dan.

"I taut he was kiddin' me," sheepishly replied Brown.

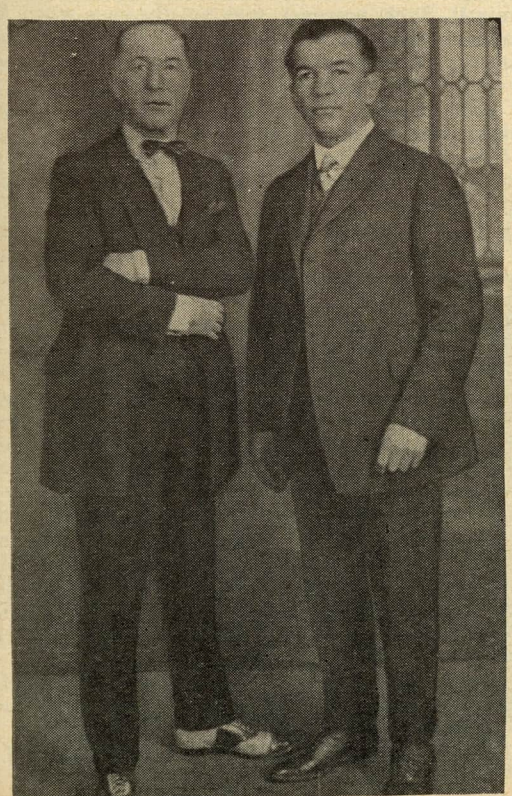
● ● ●

Wolgast had gotten away with that fight by the skin of his teeth and he well knew it. I interviewed him in the dressing room.

You had a close call, I said and Ad agreed.

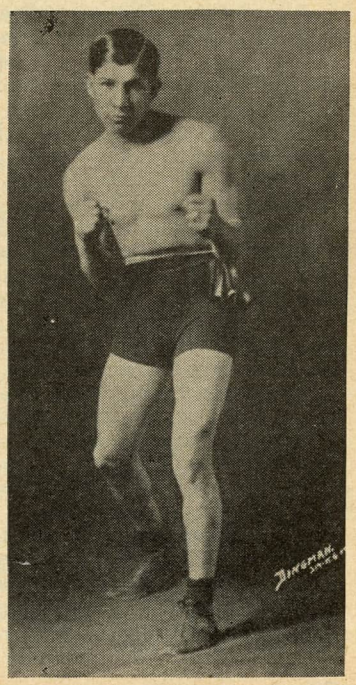
"Yes, he wasn't easy to hit. It was as tough a fight as we had in Philly.

(*Continued on page* 49)



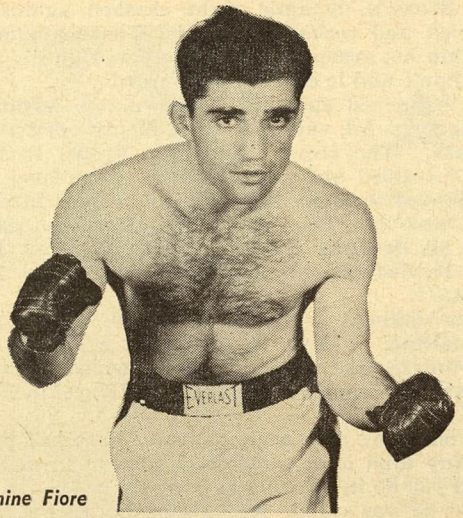
Spike Robson (left), the clever English lightweight, and Ad Wolgast meet in Los Angeles before the former returns to England to meet Jem Driscoll in 1910.

Joe Rivers, the game little battler who gave Wolgast a great fight for the lightweight crown in 1912. The Michigan Wildcat scored a thirteen round knockout.

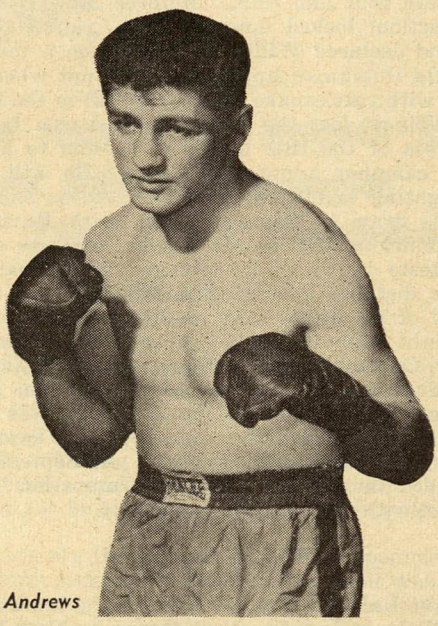


Seen on TV

By FRED EISENSTADT



Carmine Fiore



Al Andrews

CARMINE FIORE

ALTHOUGH the Ring Record Book lists seven KO bys against welterweight Carmine Fiore, the dynamic left hook artist is ranked with the top-notchers in his division. A courageous and determined ringman, Fiore has risen to the top of his profession by dint of hard fighting; by beating the better scrappers of the 147-pounders. In 1953 Carmine defeated Danny "Bang Bang" Womber, conquerer of welterweight king Kid Gavilan, Danny Giovanelli, Rocky Brisebois, Archie Whitewater, Tony Cimmino, Joey Klein, Phil Kim and Bichie Reed—lost a decision to Vince Martinez and was kayoed by Carmen Bassilio.

A good fighter with an aggressive style, Carmine actually was not kayoed seven times; mostly he was stopped because of cut eyes. He's had a good number of TV bouts—and the Televiewers have made Fiore one of their favorites. He is fearless, willing to exchange wallops and carries a wicked punch in either fist. Carmine holds knockout victories over such lads as Frankie Carini, Joe Atria, Tommy Bazzano, Al "Bozo" Constantino, Chuck Davis, Tony Alegro, Rocky Brisebois, Jackie O'Brien, Phil Kim and Freedie Herman.

Born in Brooklyn, on Aug. 15, 1929, Carmine is one of six children. His father passed away the day after Carmine was born. A quiet, soft-spoken young man, Fiore says: "As a kid of ten, I shined shoes. Later I became a truckman's helper. At 17, I quit high school to give all my attention to boxing. After winning 8 out of nine amateur bouts, I turned pro under the management of Phil Crisci, with the late Jimmy Dixon booking me. That was in 1948. Since then I've lost 14 out of 68 fights, boxing 5 draws."

Carmine lives with his widowed mother, his sister and her two children. He plays the mouth organ, likes all sports, ice cream and jive music. Plays cards, and teaches tricks to his pet cat.

Carmine's brother Mike, 20, is in Korea.

"Please mention the fact," requests Fiore, that Cy—that's what friends call Phil Crisci—operates a high class restaurant at 593 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, and that he's like a father to me."

"Also put down," suggests trainer Dan Florio, "that Carmine holds decisions over Vic Cardell, Norman Thompson and Johnny Cesario; and that he's finally beginning to show his true worth."

AL ANDREWS

NOT every fighter who comes to New York with a reputation makes a hit with the fans here; indeed many boxers vaunted as skillful ringmen have proved themselves great disappointments either because of dull styles or an unwillingness to mix it. Such, however, was not the case when Al Anderws made his first showing here in the East—at the Eastern Parkway Arena—when he completely outclassed rugged and willing Joey Klein.

Tall and good-looking, Andrews displayed speed and agility—sticking his on-coming foe with sharp lefts, and outfighting him at close quarters. Even Klein's followers were fair enough to admit that Andrews completely vanquished their fistic idol.

This young man, born in Superior, Wisc., on July 17, 1931, will be seen often on TV. Completely relaxed in the ring, he moves and boxes in a style fashioned after Kid Gavilan.

Andrews was an average student but was forced to leave high school after 2 years to work in a steel plant in Duluth, Minn., where he remained a year.

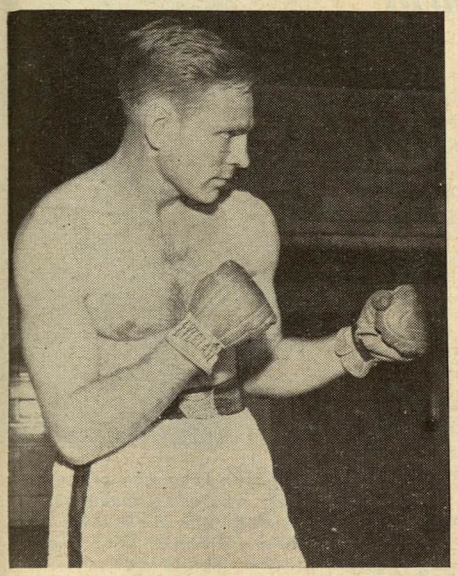
"I was 14 when I started boxing," he reveals. "After winning 29 out of 31 amateur contests, I enlisted in the Army. I was seventeen at the time. During my 3 years and eight months in the service—three years in the Philipines—I triumphed in 32 out of 34 bouts—winning the Fifth Army 150-pound championship."

After being discharged on June 13, 1952, Andrews turned pro under the management of Ike Bernstein. He won seven straight, dropping his first 8-rounder to Allen Moody. Al won over Pat Manzi, lost to him, then beat him; defeated Pat Lowry 3 times—drawing $20,000 in Detroit Coliseum. He trounced Chuck Foster and twice defeated Chuck Davey; their bout in Saginaw, Mich., drawing $42,000.

To date, he has taken part in 30 fights—won 25, boxed one draw, lost 3 on decisions and suffered a TKO at the hands of Bobby Boyd.

Al is one of 8 children. Recently he married Jean Dybedal. His trainer is Danny Spunt.

...With Our SERVICEMEN



Al Harriman, of Cleveland, Ohio, who recently won the Fourth Naval District welterweight title for the second year in a row.

CAMP STEWART'S MARCIANO
By Ernie Hynds

CAMP STEWART, Ga., has a fighter who resembles Rocky Marciano both in and out of the ring. George Kartalian, an Armenian boy who is the team's light heavyweight, also weighs in as the coach, manager, trainer and second of a strong squad.

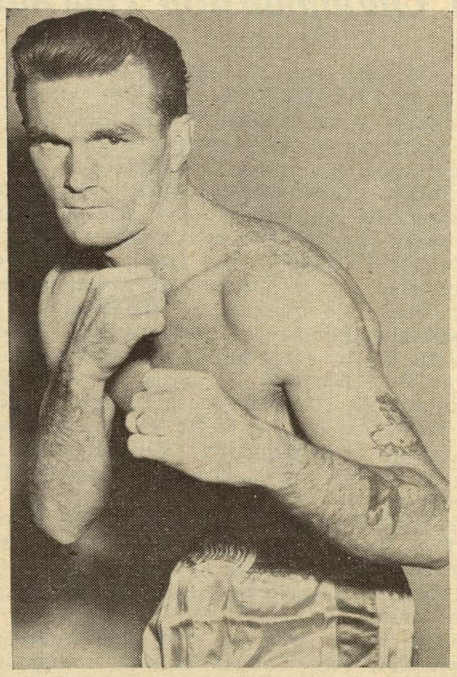
A former Intercollegiate champ from Syracuse University, he has had 38 amateur and service bouts, winning 25 of them within the distance, while losing only six decisions. In 1952 he won both the Southern light heavyweight and Eastern heavyweight intercollegiate crowns. A badly cut eye kept him out of the National Intercollegiate finals.

Two other good prospects on the team are lightweights Ronnie D'Albora, former New York Golden Gloves winner, and John Moten, who won a similar title in Philadelphia. Only man to down D'Albora in his 26 fight career is Lulu Perez, now an outstanding pro contender.

Moten estimates he's had near 120 fights with only nine defeats. The skinny lad who specializes in the bolo punch has never been knocked down and has halted about 80 of his opponents.

Two other top prospects, Augie Broudy, middleweight, and welterweight Curtis Johnson were recently discharged.

Jack Geerer, former Boston Golden Glover, featherweight Ward Cobbin and flyweight Carl Rose have also shown promise. John Navarro, young New Orleans featherweight, can't be used on the team as he is a pro. Special services hope to get matches for him.

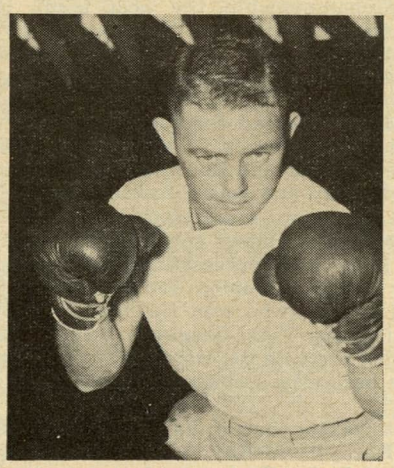


Red Hillard, Quantico Marine 132-pound boxing champion, who will shortly be discharged and begin a professional career.

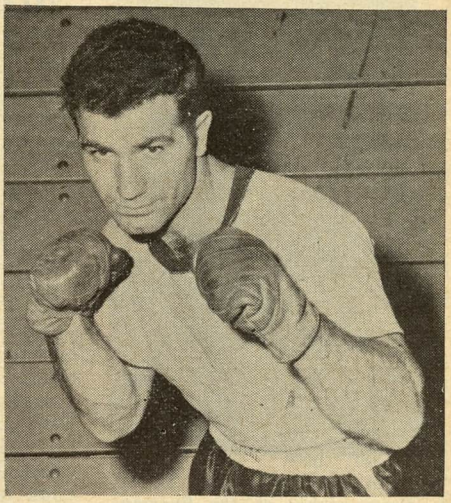
● ● ●

HARRIMAN A NAVAL CHAMP
By Eddie Aliano

Al Harriman, of Cleveland, Ohio, has won the Fourth Naval District welterweight championship for the second straight year and he hopes to go on, this time, to win the All Navy crown.



Smut Warren, a professional middleweight from Pocatello, Ida., who is taking his Army training at Ford Ord, Calif.



George Kartalian, former Intercollegiate champion from Syracuse University, a light heavyweight who is in charge of the Camp Stewart, Ga., boxing team.

Harriman, a member of the Reserve Fleet stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Base, is a good, sharp puncher who is an ardent student of the various styles of boxing used by ring masters of the past. He has won 25 of his 30 bouts.

Just like most of the boys in the amateurs who show promise, Al naturally has his eyes turned toward an eventual professional career and the rewards that go with success. But, he says, it will be a long time from now.

● ● ●

FT. SAM HOUSTON IN ACTION
By Joe Celentano

Boxing has returned to Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., after an absence of several years.

Willard Brown, ex-welterweight, has been hired as coach and boxing instructor at the Army Post. Instructions are given two and three times a week with the fighters separated into two classes.

Experienced pugilists with ring "know how" are put in one class while the unskilled beginners are put in the other. The boys in the latter class are not matched until Coach Brown feels they are ready to climb into the ring—ready to defend themselves at all times.

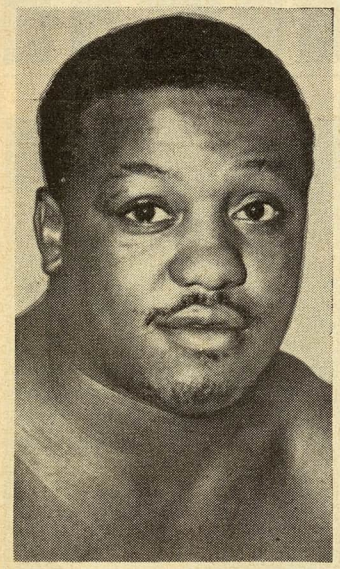
At the early age of 15, Willard Brown was the flyweight champion of Ohio. He then became lightweight champion of Indiana at 16, welterweight titleholder of Indiana at 17, Southern welterweight champion at 18 and when he reached 19—the height of his boxing

(*Continued on page* 49)

Panama Champs •

By Pfc. ROY E. HOWELL

Army-Navy Share Limelight in Area Championship Tournament



Julius Jamison, of the U. S. Navy, winner of the Panama Area Armed Forces welterweight title.

Over 5,000 fight fans jammed their way into Hangar Number 1 at Fort Kobbe recently to witness the finals of the Panama Area Armed Forces Boxing Tournament, when all ten Panama Area crowns were up for challenge.

The next step for these titleholders is the Caribbean Armed Forces Tournament, when the Panama Area champs meet the Antilles (Puerto Rican) champions for the Caribbean Armed Forces titles.

Pvt. Ramon Parilla, of the 504th F. A., won the flyweight division title by virtue of a unanimous decision over Pvt. Francisco Fuentes, of the 33rd Inf.

The bantamweight crown went to Pfc. Juan Gonzales, of the 504th F. A., after he banged out a unanimous decision over Pvt. Nemesio Figueroa, of the 33rd Inf.

Defending USARCARIB featherweight champion, Cpl. Esteban Melendez, of the 504th F. A., successfully kept his title intact by sending Pvt. Luis Burgos, also of the 504th F. A., to the canvas for a full count after 36 seconds of the second round.

Another USARCARIB champion of the previous tournament, Pvt. Ricardo Rivera, of the 504th F. A., was successful in the defense of his crown by registering a TKO over Pvt. Lorenzo Rosario, of the 45th Recon. Bn., at 2:30 of the third round.

The 504th F. A. won its fifth consecutive championship when Cpl. Jose Collazo took a unanimous decision from Pfc. Felix Bonilla, also from the 504th F. A., for the lightweight championship.

The U. S. Navy got into the act in the welterweight division when SN Julius Jamison recorded a unanimous decision over Sgt. Lee Wilson, of the 33rd Inf.

SN Benjamin Thompson, U. S. Navy was the victor in the light middleweight division when the referee disqualified Sfc. Frank McCoy, of the 65th AAA, for unnecessary roughness in the third round.

An upset was recorded in the middleweight class when Pvt. Ray Shaw, of the 65th AAA, gained a second round TKO over QM3 Vaughn Sarafian, U. S. Navy, at 1 minute and 28 seconds of the round.

The sole split decision of the evening was recorded in the light heavyweight class when Pfc. James McAleer, of the 65th AAA, edged out Pvt. Mathew Williams, also from the 65th AAA.

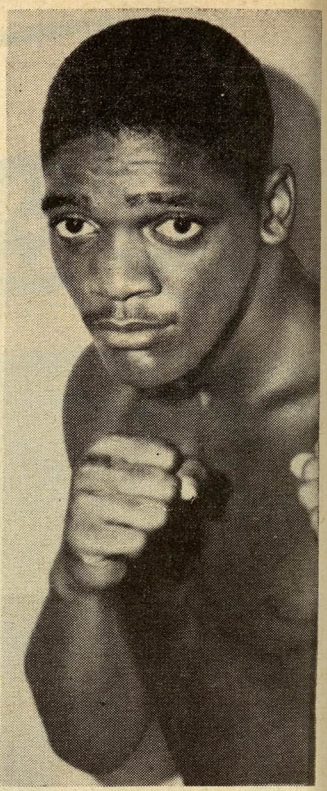
The only championship the host team, the 33rd Inf., could come through with was the heavyweight crown when Sgt. William Byrd won a unanimous decision over Cpl. Donald Rennhack of the 549th MP's.

Brig. General N. A. Costello, Chief of Staff, USARCARIB, presented the team and individual trophies in ceremonies immediately following the bouts.

Servicemen boxing and tournaments are on the uprise in Panama and many fine young fighters are being developed. Though not too many great native fighters have come out of the Panama area many servicemen who started boxing there have gone on to successful professional careers.

The only world champion Panama ever developed was Panama Al Brown, who won the bantamweight championship by decisioning Vidal Gregorio in 1929. Brown successfully defended the title ten times in various cities of Europe and Canada before he lost the crown to Baltazar Sangchilli in 1935.

In recent years their outstanding fighters have been Stanley (Rocky) McKay, Federico Plummer, Isodro Martinez and Pedro Tesis, the latter two youngsters who show much promise.



Benjamin Thompson, of the U. S. Navy, who won a unanimous decision to take the Panama Area Armed Forces light middleweight crown.

Pvt. Ray Shaw, U. S. Army, who scored an upset to take the Panama Area Armed Forces middleweight championship.

Sgt. William Byrd, U. S. Army, took the all-important heavyweight title of the tournament with a unanimous decision.

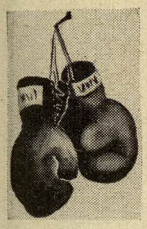


Figure The Facts

By LEW ESKIN

WHO was the busiest fighter in 1953? What champion saw the most action during the past year? Was it a ranking fighter or a raw novice that led the win parade? Who was the year's kayo king? What boxer lost the most fights? Who is the new horizontal champion? Were there any fighters who went through the year underfeated?

These and many more are the questions that will be in the minds of the boxing fans around the world. Do you know the answers to them? I do! I found them in the 1954 edition of The Ring Record Book which is now on sale.

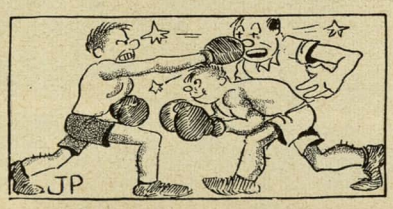
You too can find these answers along with over 700 pages of records of all the world's leading fighters and the complete history of boxing since Cain fought Abel in The Ring's Encyclopedia of Boxing.

To answer just a few of these questions now, Terry Smith, a Detroit, Mich., welterweight who did most of his fighting in Texas, was the busiest boy in 1953. He also had the dubious honor of losing the most times. Rocky Randell, a lightweight from Rome, Ga., not only won the most bouts, but also scored the most knockouts, while Danny (Bang Bang) Womber, who scored a upset win over Kid Gavilan in a non-title bout, suffered the most losses of any main bout fighter. Archie Moore was the busiest champion, while both Kid Gavilan and James Carter defended their titles the most.

Jed Black sailed through 16 bouts without a loss, but poor Tommy Hatcher was flattened 9 times in 13 fights.

An odd and surprising fact was that despite the hue and cry that TV was killing off the small clubs around the country, ten fighters kept active enough to fight twenty times or more. Only two of these lads fought in the New York area, the rest did their campaigning in the hinderlands.

The leaders in the fore mentioned categories are listed in the box at the right.



KNOCKED OUT MOST TIMES

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Ko'ed By	Lost Dec.	Draws	Won	Total Bouts
Hatcher, Tommy	Tampa, Fla.	Welterweight	9	2	1	2	13
Horton, Al	Louisville, Ky.	Middleweight	6	2	0	2	10
Castillo, Tony	San Antonio, Tex.	Welterweight	6	0	0	2	8

MOST ACTIVE CHAMPIONS

NAMES	HOMETOWN	WEIGHTS	Title Bouts	Ko's	Won Dec.	Non-Title Bouts	KO'S	Won Dec.	Lost	Total Bouts
Gavilan, Kid	Cuba	Welterweight	3	1	2	7	0	6	1	10
Moore, Archie	San Diego, Cal.	Light Heavyweight	1	0	1	8	6	2	0	9
Carter, James	New York, N. Y.	Lightweight	3	3	0	5	2	0	3	8

UNDEFEATED FOR YEAR (over ten fights)

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Won Decisions	Won Knockouts	Draws	Total Bouts
Black, Jed	Janesville, Wisc.	Welterweight	9	7	0	16
Lausse, Eduardo	Argentina	Middleweight	1	12	0	13
Dower, Dai	Wales	Flyweight	5	7	0	12
Escobar, Andy	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	1	11	0	12
Nocero, Rinzi	Covington, Ky.	Middleweight	7	5	0	12
McCray, John	Houston, Tex.	Welterweight	7	5	0	12
Cohen, Robert	France	Bantamweight	8	2	2	12
Pep, Willie	Hartford, Conn.	Featherweight	9	2	0	11
Evatt, Buddy	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	5	6	0	11
Grant, Don	Los Angeles, Cal.	Light Heavyweight	4	7	0	11
Breshears, Harley	Parma, Idaho	Light Heavyweight	0	10	0	11*
Braelow, Harry	Miami, Fla	Middleweight	5	4	2	11
Boardman, Larry	Marlboro, Conn.	Lightweight	6	4	0	10
King, Trevor	Australia	Featherweight	2	8	0	10
Andrade, Cisco	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	4	5	1	10

* Fought one No Decision bout

MOST KNOCKOUTS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Knockouts	One Round KO's	Total Bouts	Percent
Lausse, Eduardo	Argentina	Middleweight	12	2	13	.923
Randell, Rocky	Rome, Ga	Lightweight	12	1	25	.480
Anthony, Tony	New York, N. Y.	Middleweight	11	1	16	.688
Escobar, Andy	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	11	3	12	.917
Breshears, Harley	Parma, Idaho	Light Heavyweight	10	0	11	.909
Boyd, Bobby	Chicago, Ill.	Middleweight	9	1	15	.600
Moody, Alan	Chicago, Ill.	Welterweight	9	2	14	.643
Lowry, Pat	Toledo, O.	Welterweight	9	2	15	.600
Herbillion, Jacques	France	Lightweight	9	1	15	.600

MOST DEFEATS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Lost Decisions	Kayoed By	Draws	Total	Total Bouts
Smith, Terry	Detroit, Mich.	Welterweight	12	2	5	14	27
Mackie, Hughie	England	Welterweight	11	1	0	12	13
Osario, Filberto	New York, N. Y.	Featherweight	12	0	2	12	18

MOST DEFEATS, MAIN BOUTS

Womber, Danny	Chicago, Ill.	Welterweight	9	0	1	9	12
Williams, Charley	Newark, N. J.	Middleweight	6	2	0	8	8
Mathieu, Marcel	French Africa	Welterweight	6	2	0	8	8
Davis, Henry	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	6	1	0	7	10
Herman, Freddy (Babe)	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	6	1	3	7	16

MOST FIGHTS

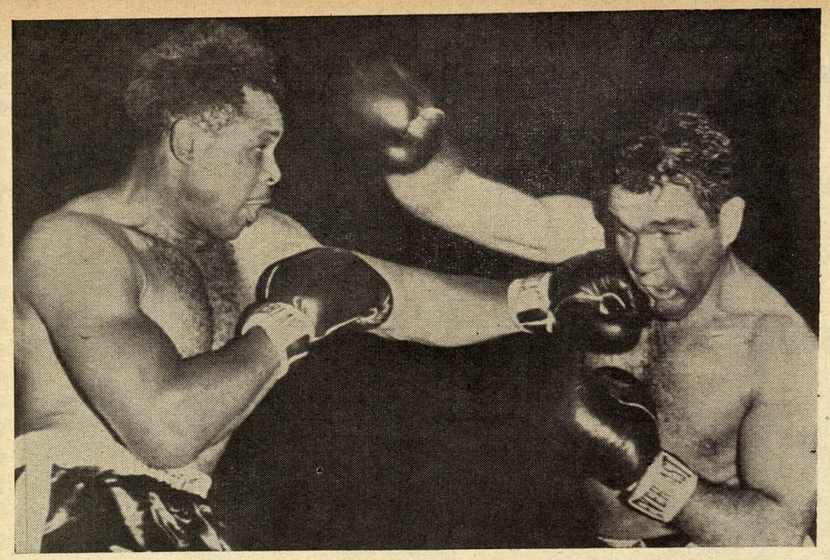
NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's	Ko'ed By	Total
Smith, Terry	Detroit, Mich.	Welterweight	8	14	5	1	2	27
Randell, Rocky	Rome, Ga	Lightweight	21	4	0	12	2	25
Cockrell, Frankie	Los Angeles, Cal.	Welterweight	12	9	4	3	1	25
Butcher, Emerson	Rock Island, Ill.	Welterweight	12	7	4	3	0	23
Dennis, Earl	New York, N. Y.	Lightweight	12	6	3	6	0	21
Yantis, Bobby	Daytona Beach, Fla	Lightweight	10	6	5	5	5	21
Sligar, Otho	Houston, Tex.	Welterweight	10	10	1	3	1	21
Trevino, Roger	Houston, Tex.	Welterweight	6	10	4	1	0	20
Washington, Ulysse	Daytona Beach, Fla	Welterweight	8	8	4	2	1	20
Evans, Billy	Hollywood, Calif.	Featherweight	4	11	5	0	0	20

MOST MAIN BOUTS

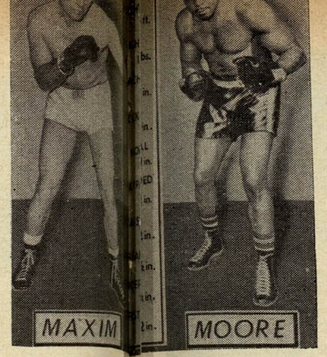
Gault, Henry (Pappy)	Spartanburg, S. C.	Bantamweight	13	3	0	8	0	16
Valignat, Andre	France	Bantamweight	11	1	4	3	0	16
Herman, Freddy (Babe)	Los Angeles, Cal.	Lightweight	6	7	3	2	1	16

MOST WINS

Randell, Rocky	Rome, Ga	Lightweight	21	4	0	12	2	25
Black, Jed	Janesville, Wisc.	Welterweight	16	0	0	7	0	16
Lane, Kenny	Muskegon, Mich.	Lightweight	15	1	0	3	1	16
Bickle, Bobby	Topeka, Kan.	Lightweight	15	1	1	8	0	17
Anthony, Tony	New York, N. Y.	Middleweight	15	1	0	11	1	16
Andrews, Al	Superior, Wisc.	Middleweight	15	2	1	1	1	18
Edwards, Phil	Wales	Welterweight	15	2	0	2	0	17

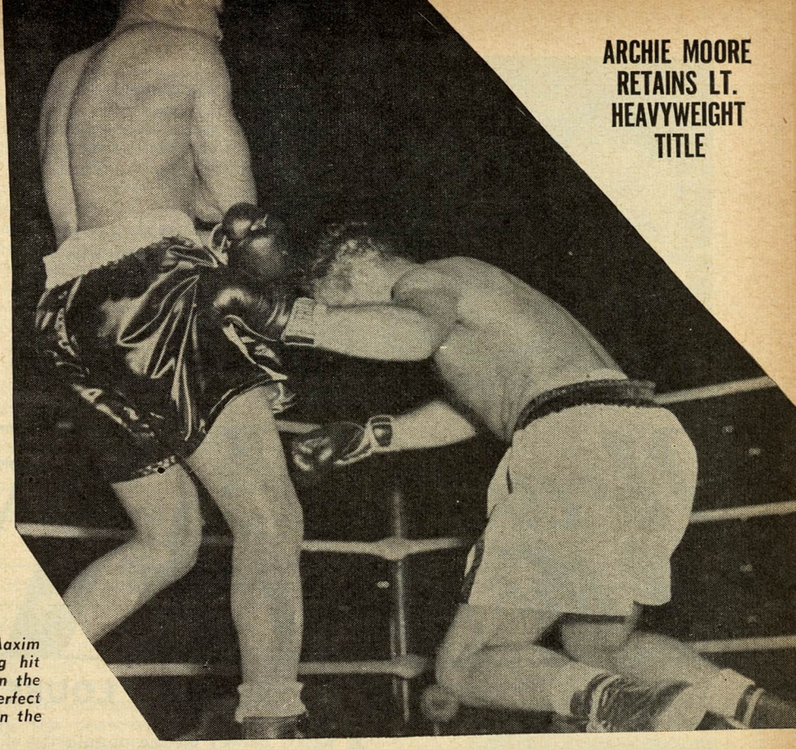


Joey Maxim (right) was almost left behind from the first round when Champion Archie Moore caught him with a stinging left in the first stanza.



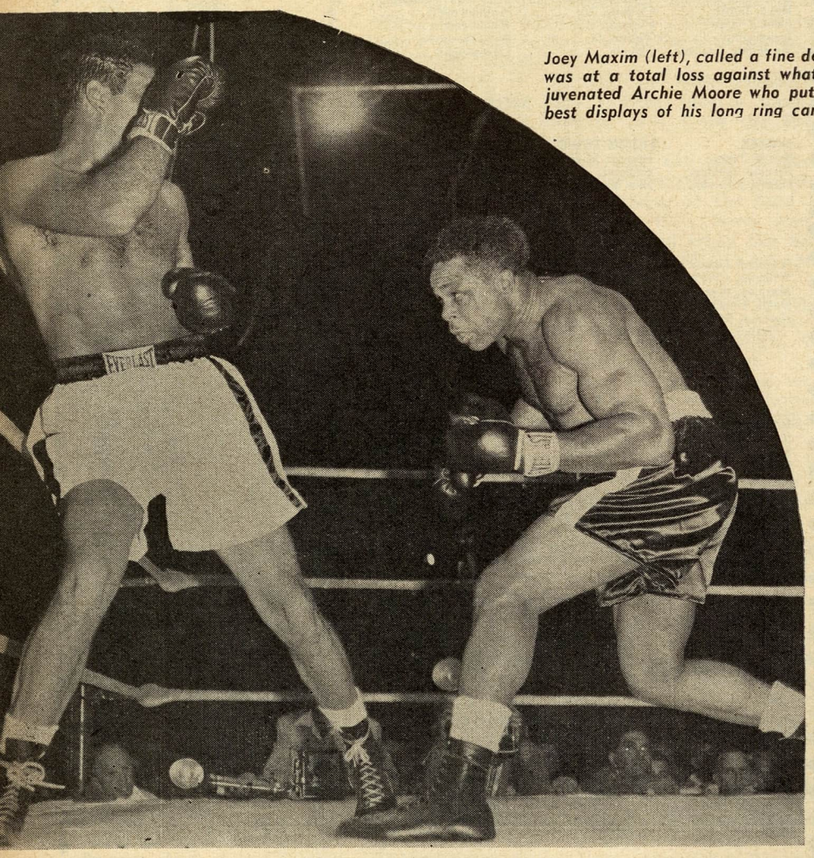
Archie Moore (left), the aged veteran, looked better as the fight progressed and dropped Joey Maxim in the eighth round, almost finishing the fight. But Maxim came up to make a battle of it.

MOORE AND MOORE MAXIM GETS HIS

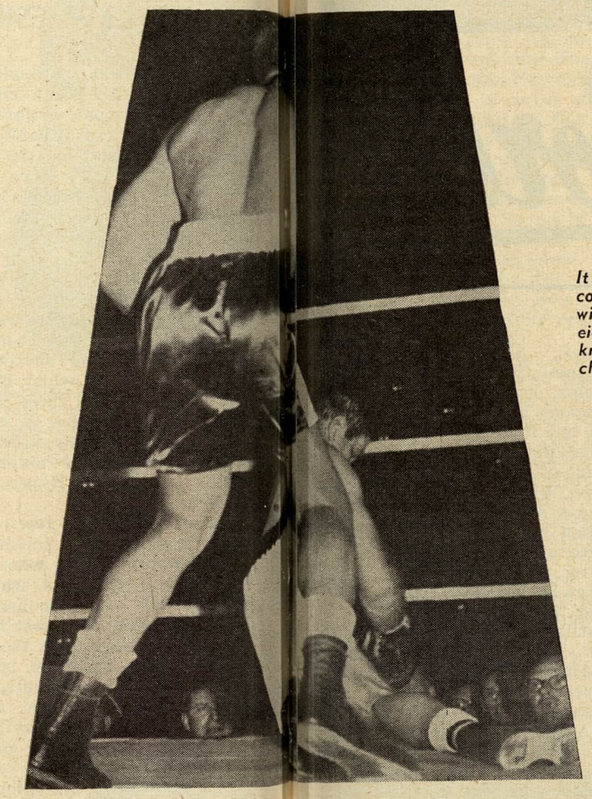


ARCHIE MOORE RETAINS LT. HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

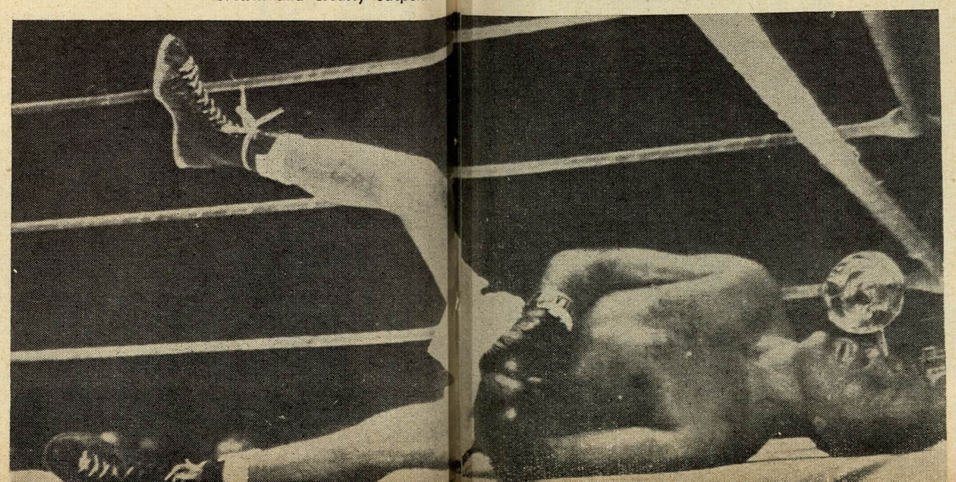
It didn't look like Joey Maxim could get up after being hit with a pile-driving right in the eighth. It was the perfect knockdown punch, flush on the chin.



Joey Maxim (left), called a fine defensive fighter, was at a total loss against what seemed a rejuvenated Archie Moore who put on one of the best displays of his long ring career.



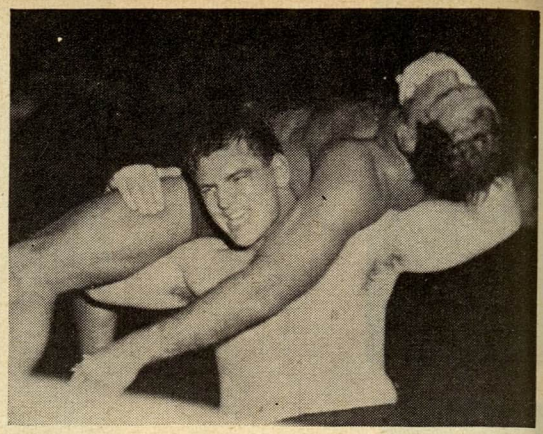
Below:—All over? No, it's the eighth and Joey Maxim struggled to his feet. But it was one-sided from then on scoring another knockdown in the eleventh and clearly outpointing the other over the fifteen rounds distance.



Joey Maxim (right), who had lost his light heavyweight crown to Archie Moore and then in a return dropped a close decision, was no match for Archie this time, as the champ weaved and bobbed, out-jabbed Joey and landed often with his right.

Another draw bout! Frankie Talabar winds up his right as Professor Shire applies an arm bar in Indianapolis. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Lou Thesz and Big Bill Miller, former Ohio State footballer, went to a draw after each had won a fall. Here we see Miller on his way to winning the 2nd fall with a favorite hold, his backbreaker.



News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

Carol Cook, nineteen year old, auburn haired, blue eyed demon of the woman's mat world.

A RING survey on the popularity of wrestling as compared with that of boxing reveals some surprising tendencies. Whereas the year 1953 saw a drop in boxing revenue in the U. S. and in Europe, Australia and Africa, the grunt and groaners have seemingly come back from a poor year in 1952 to another healthy boom during 1953.

One of the thespian centers doing well, which serves as a fair barometer of the crushed cauliflower trade, is the state of Illinois. The figures for 1953 speak for themselves. Illinois had 47 professional boxing shows during the year with some 74,481 paid attendance totaling $677,069. From this the state took $67,706 in taxes on the tickets.

Compare with the 486 wrestling cards with a paid attendance of 510,793 and gate receipts of $751,537 of which Illinois collected $75,153.

The same trend is seen all around the globe although Nat Fleischer, The Ring Editor and Chief, in a recent interview stated that 1954 would see more fighters in action and greater popularity for boxing than the past year.

While on the subject of Illinois that worthy state has lifted its bar against women grapplers to further increase the revenue it derives from wrestling. Livingston Osborne, chairman of the Illinois state athlete commission, qualifies the approval by stating, "If the ladies get rough and uncouth they will be disqualified." Under all circumstances Ladies must be Ladies.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT . . .

An interesting match concluded since last we met was that between Wild Bull Curry and Yvon Robert at the Foot Guard Hall, Hartford, Connecticut. Curry and Robert each had a fall when the payoff came. Curry, usually a pugilistic grappler, refrained from pitching his horrendous haymakers for most of the match but finally reverted to type and pounded Robert from post to post until the hero of Montreal could take it no longer. With a roar he bounced off the ropes and made a fly-dive at Curry. When he landed Curry was no longer there and Robert went swishing into a ring post and a nap. Robert was carried to his dressing room and Curry declared the winner.

Lou Thesz is still the NWA mat champ after his draw with Pat O'Connor at the Minneapolis Auditorium. Which surprised nobody! Incidental to the proceedings were the three occasions that Pat ALMOST pinned the champ only to have him escape.

Remember Buddy Knox, Minneapolis growler? He had more or less disappeared from competition in so far as the fans were concerned. Now we know where he was. Recently *The Masked Marvel*, who has been terrorizing Northwest mats for some three years was demasked and it was none other than Knox. It all took place at Tacoma, Washington, during an evening that saw Knox pour on the gas to defeat John Henning in two straight falls. Buddy won the first fall in 22:23 with a reverse headlock, and Henning was unable to continue after the rest period thereby giving the second fall and victory to Buddy.

Verne Gagne, ex-Minnesota football player, has been busy with his assortment of ring tricks but it stood him tc no avail in his recent bout with TV star Hans Schmidt, known far and wide as a "dirty" lad opposed to Gagne, heralded as a "clean" lad. The contest was a smeller with each getting a fall only to have the referee count them both out just when things began to

show a semblance of the wild melee that the fans had come to see. This writer tabbed Gagne as the winner.

The draws are on! Killer Kowalski and Yukon Eric, Canadian strong man continued the vogue (slightly boring at this point) of top mat stars grunting their way to draws. This one was cooked with the beans in Boston before some 4,000 spectators at the Arena. They (the two ferocious grapplers) battled it out to a 60 minutes draw after splitting the honors on two falls. Eric was awarded the first downer at 14:54 with a bear hug and press and Kowalski evened the affair with a body press at 17:34.

Promoters Babe Culnan and Willie Gilzenberg, promoting wrestling at the Laurel Gardens in Newark, New Jersey came up with a novel stunt. All the fans needed during the holidays to gain admittance was to bring a can of food. . . . It was all known as the "Fred Sayles Christmas Party" and the cans were distributed to charities of all faiths. . . . Sayles is a top sportscaster for station WATV (Channel 13) in the New Jersey-New York Area). He has been doing the telecasts from the Meadowbrook Bowl and Laurel Gardens for over four years in a highly competent manner.

The United States will send a team of eight to represent that country in the world wrestling championships in Tokyo in May. The team will be selected after the National A.A.U. championships at San Diego, California in April.

Indianapolis mat promoter Billy Thom's annual March of Dimes charity card at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum last month attracted 11,000 loyal cauliflower patrons in what proved to be one of the best crackle and crunch shows ever seen at the Hoosier Capital.

Wrestling in the top slot was Heavyweight Champion Lou Thesz and a worthy opponent, Ray Gunkel, the former Purdue University and National AAU titleholder.

Larrupin' Lou won the first fall in 32-minutes with a drop-kick and a body press with Gunkel taking second honors in 13:32. The remaining time was grappled with neither man scoring a fall. Thesz weighed 224; Gunkel 232.

Ed (Strangler) Lewis, the champion's manager, provided many of the night's thrills with his corner antics. His constant coaching from behind a ring post during the bout caused many fans to get rather "hot." However, there is no doubt that Thesz and Lewis form one of the greatest drawing attractions the mat game has ever known.

Preliminary bouts saw Johnny Valentine, 240, Seattle, and Bobby Managoff, 235, Chicago, stage a sizzler in the semi-windup which went to the latter by disqualification. Buddy Rogers, 235, Camden, N. J., won over Big Jim Wright, 250, Kansas City, in the opener.

AUSTRALIAN WRESTLING NEWS

By T. A. Gannon

ALTHOUGH there are still a few months to go before the 1954 wrestling season opens in Australia, Leichhardt Stadium, which operates throughout the year, is retaining interest in mat affairs with a tag team tournament. Two tournaments are being run, one in the heavyweight division and one for the junior heavies. Clever Allan Pinfold and the young Texan, Bud Cody are currently leading the heavyweight division but they are sure to find the going tough in the next few rounds when they come up against combinations such as Jon Morro and Snowy Dowton, a rowdy duet which has an almost perfect record, and Allen Sherry and Bob George, a scientific pair who are rated very highly as a combination.

Only importations in Australia at present are Allen Sherry of England, Val Cerino of Malta and Bud Cody of Dallas, Texas. Cody has been in this country for some years now and over the past few months has made rapid improvement. He is a fast and spectacular junior heavyweight who specializes in the dropkick and flying tackle but can rough it up with the best of them when necessary. After a few more months here Bud is thinking of returning to Texas for a campaign with the grapplers competing in his home state.

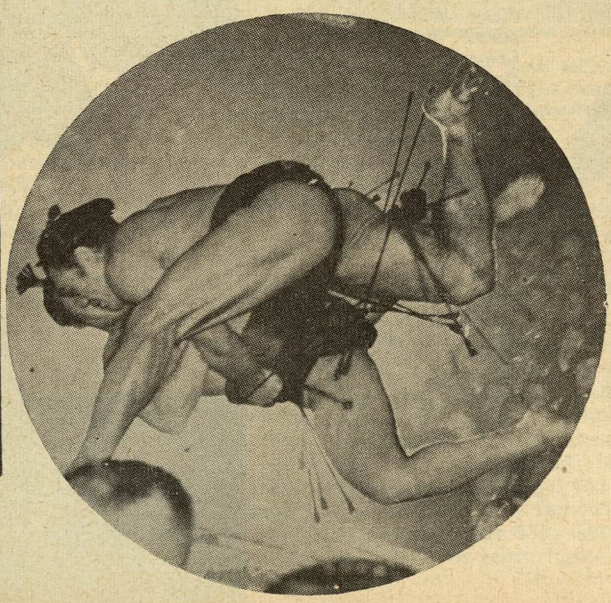
Latest Australian to try his luck overseas is Charlie Gamage, a rough but clever grappler who was a sensation on his Malayan invasion a year or two ago. Gamage is now in India where he has clashed with most of the leading stars in that area and two of his contests include matches with Bhollu and Azam Pehalwan, rated highly among the super-wrestlers of India. Other Australians active in India include Tiger Ray Holden, a villainous globetrotter who has aroused the ire of the fans in Australia, Malaya, India, Burma and South Africa. Stan Andrews, the well built Terrigal junior heavy is also campaigning with success against the Indian warriors.

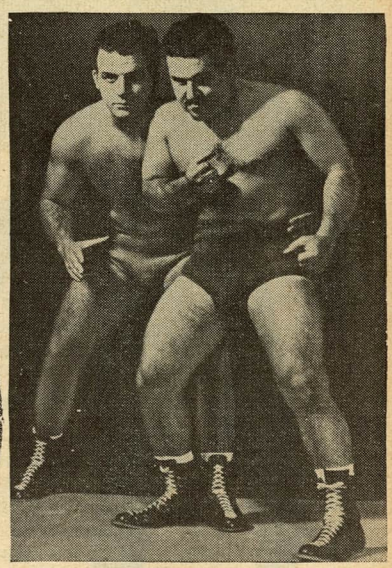
Over in Germany, Roy "Mr. Australia" Heffernan, proved to be a little too much for the top Teutons and after winning thirteen matches in thirteen consecutive days (they wrestle on Sundays as well), he ran out of opposition. Roy is now located in Paris where he has shown his talents before the wrestling minded crowds which pack the famous Palais de Sports. Also in France with Heffernan are George Pencheff, the perennial dropkick star and Leo Demetral, a villainous Australian-Greek who has shown his wrestling ability in nearly every corner of the globe.

South Africa, which has played host to other Australian matmen in the persons of George Pencheff, Tom Nilan

Get the point! This all happened at Tokyo Japan. The one on top is Chiyonoyama "Grand Champion", and the feller being knocked off his pins is Tamanoumi in the main event of a tournament held to crown the Sumo champ. It is one of Japan's national sports which crowds the arenas. It is unlike wrestling as we think of it. The contestants face each other, get a grip on each others belts and the objective is to dump an opponent out of a circle so that he lands on anything but his feet.

Buddy Rogers (right) and Nell Stewart holding the Plaque they received as winners of the championship tournament held in Cincinnati last summer.





The Gardenia brothers, Tony (left) and Eddie, who are a top Tag Team combination. Like the Sharpe brothers they specialize in giving the fans action plus!

and Ray Holden is now enjoying the latest Australian importation, handsome Ray Hunter. Only a youngster, Ray has seen action in many parts of the world and won the famous Hamburg tournament last year.

WINNIPEG, CANADA
By Cy Louth

There was another hot time at the Winnipeg, Man., Civic Auditorium when Jumping Joe Pazandack and his pal Kinji Shibuya clashed in a tag team match with popular Bronco Nagurski and Tough Tony Baillargeon.

The bout ended in a draw. Pazandack lost the first fall to Baillargeon at 22:50, but the procedure was reversed when the little Sargeant pinned the strong boy from Quebec after nine minutes to take the second fall.

Of course there had to be a mix up somewhere, or it wouldn't be a Winnipeg tag team match. It came in the third encounter, with everybody doing everything they shouldn't, including Referee Harold Nelson. The ref had a tough time, being clouted on the head, shoved out of the ring, crushed beneath perspiring grapplers as he attempted to peer more closely at a pair of shoulders, and finally walloped on the noggin the way back to the dressing room.

While Nelson raised the hands of Shibuya and Pazandack in victory, it was after the bell had sounded ending the battle. It was finally declared a draw.

The three other matches on the card were also dandies. Paul Baillargeon pinned Emil Dusek after 18 minutes and an airplane spin. Roy McClarty, Winnipeg's own, staged a mighty come-back in the special event to subdue Mighty Ursus in 20 minutes.

In the opener Red Bastien and George Scott went to a 30-minute draw. Bastien is very popular in Winnipeg but always seems to be overmatched so far as weights are concerned.

Carol Cook

NINETEEN years of age, weight 135, height 5' 2", auburn hair, blue eyes, and a light, smooth complexion, that's Carol Cook. Carol was born in Toledo, Ohio, where she still resides with her parents—and boys . . . she's single.

The Toledo Miss comes by the bone breaking industry naturally since her father Frank Cook was a top flight middleweight grappler back a quarter of a century. In addition to an inherited ability Carol has the added advantage of being coached by her father.

An all around athlete the Toledoian has used her father's training as a basis and carefully emulated the technique of Mildred Burke until her style greatly resembles wrestling's number one lady.

Carol is a clean cut girl and she wrestles in the same way. She depends mainly on speed and agility to gain her triumphs which have been piling up at an impressive rate.

PRINCE HALIE SALASIE
A Bob Utter Interview

NEW midget wrestling sensation Prince Halie Salasie, the little Ethiopian strongman, whose muscular development and brute strength is the talk of the cauliflower profession!

Pound-for-pound, Salasie is the strongest man in the world. At a body weight of 96-pounds he can lift twice his own poundage above his head.

Standing 42-inches in height, Prince Salasie is not only a clever grappler, but he is also well educated and speaks seven foreign languages.

Like Thesz, Gagne and Gunkel, the Prince is a past master in the drop-kicking department. This colorful little mat artist can leap five-feet into the air with the greatest of ease.

Ricky Waldo

ONE of the outstanding young Negro wrestlers to join the pro ranks today is Ricky Waldo, a hard-driving, elusive workman from Columbus, Ohio.

Waldo, standing 5-feet 9-inches tall and weighing 225-pounds, is only 24-years of age and has been groaning for money for only two years.

Since Ricky is a newcomer to the business, most fans when seeing his name on a program, expect to see a rank amateur who knows little or nothing about the sport. The surprise comes when Waldo goes into action. He is quick witted and a fast thinker. His record shows that he has won ninety-five percent of his matches to date.

For the past several weeks, Ricky has been teaming with Jimmy (Black Panther) Mitchell, a 20-year veteran, who has more or less taken the youngster under his wing. As a tag duo, Ricky and Jimmy have been playing to standing room crowds throughout the Middle-west.

Waldo is a good singer and a past master of the piano and the trumpet.

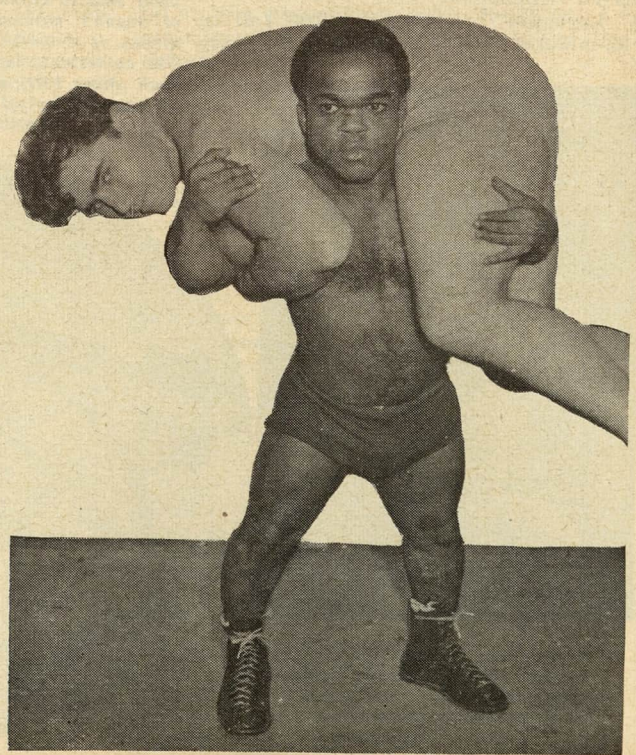
Ed and Tony Gardenia

IT took Ed Gardenia of Stubenville, Ohio, four years to decide whether he should aim for the top in wrestling or boxing, and it was finally the figures on a set of bathroom scales that helped him make up his mind. He picked wrestling.

"It was logical," he says. "I've got a big frame. When I started to build up over 210 pounds I realized I wasn't going to stop there. And I figure the ideal weight for a heavyweight boxer

(*Continued on page* 63)

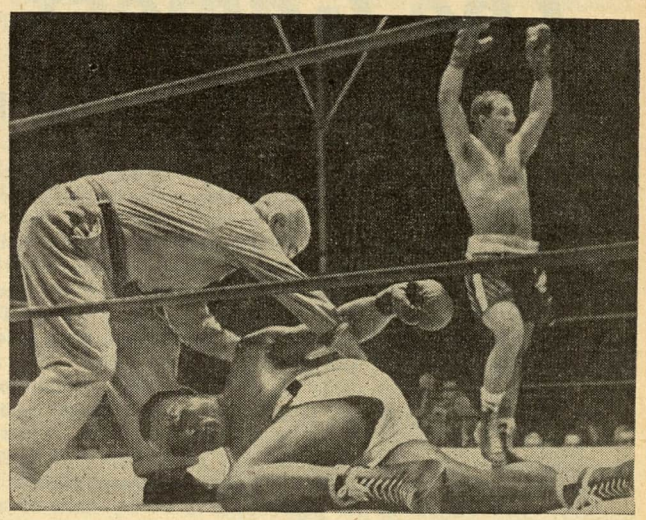
Ricky Waldo, a 225 pound grappler from Columbus, Ohio, who stands 5' 9" tall and is only 24 years old. An all around athlete he shows up well in single matches or as a team man in Tag Team competition.



Prince Salie Halsie, Ethiopian wee giant, lifts 215 pound Ted Marshall above his head to prove contention that he is the strongest of the midgets. (Photo by Bob Utter)

It's on the Record Book

By JOHNNY SALAK



Rocky Marciano added another record to his growing list in 1953 when he halted Jersey Joe Walcott in one round, only the eighth such short contest in heavyweight championship history.

THE Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia for 1954—bigger and better than ever—makes its appearance for the thirteenth consecutive year. This volume—over 860 pages crammed with just about every fact on the sport of pugilism—is a must for everyone directly or indirectly connected with the game, whether they are boxing commissioners, promoters, managers, fighters or the all important fan.

And a word of warning. The edition, as always, is very limited. The book sells out within six or eight weeks after it goes on sale. Last year several thousand orders were turned back. Run—do not walk—to your nearest mail box with your order for a copy of The Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia for 1954. Or walk—do not run—and miss out on the biggest fistic buy of the season.

Those of you who were unfortunate enough to miss out on any or all of the first twelve volumes might want to know what you get for your money. That's natural. Well, you'll be getting six books in one. Printed separately, you'd pay almost three times the amount that the 1954 Edition is selling for.

The first section—which could be a book of over 100 pages in itself—is an encyclopedia of the sport—answering just about every question on boxing that you can think of—and thousands, probably, that you can't think of.

• • •

A few for-instances? Well, on Page 28 there is a chart giving the measurements of all the heavyweight champions, taken from official weighing-in records. We learn that the present ruler of that division—Rocky Marciano—has the shortest arms of all, his reach being a mere sixty-eight inches. But when he reaches you, look out! Primo Carnera, the Italian Goliath, had the longest, eighty-five and a half inches. This held him in good stead in his early days, when he took his meals at boarding house dinner tables.

Jersey Joe Walcott sat idly back and watched Marciano add another record to his growing list during 1953 when the latter did a two minute, twenty-five second job on the Methuselah from Merchantville. And now, with the 1954 Ring Record Book, you can sit back and look over the other title bouts that produced one round knockouts. Just turn to Page 29. There have been eight, all told, in the heavyweight division. Tommy Burns, the shortest of them all, made short work of three title opponents, while Joe Louis accounted for the greatest number of one round knockouts in championship bouts, four. All other divisions combined have produced only eleven. The compilation gives the dates, opponents, venues and times.

One of the most interesting and extensive tabulated forms of information deals with the boxing promotions in Madison Square Garden under Tex Rickard, William F. Carey, Jimmy Johnston, Mike Jacobs and Jim Norris. This starts on Page 48. From the opening of the new Garden on December 11, 1925, when Paul Berlenbach defended his light heavyweight against Jack Delaney, down through the end of 1937, and then picked up again with the start of 1946 and completed to the end of last year, are the official show-by-show attendances and gross receipts of each fight, giving

The 1954 Record Book tells us that Primo Carnera had the longest reach of all heavyweight champions, which also was a great aid at the boarding house dinner tables.

the dates and opponents. The figures for the years 1938 to 1945, at this time, are unavailable. A similar compilation of fights held at the Chicago Stadium and Detroit Olympia in recent years is given on Pages 55 and 56.

• • •

The encyclopedic section also has details of such subjects as the seating capacities of both indoor and outdoor arenas in the United States and in foreign countries (Page 57); draws in championship bouts (Page 68); biographical sketches of past and present titleholders and all-time ranking fighters (Page 4); birthplaces of champions by states and countries (Page 61); earnings of heavyweight champions (Page 32); famous firsts in boxing (Page 77); ring fatalities (Page 63); odds in heavyweight title bouts (Page 40); how to score fights (Page 62); southpaw champions

(*Continued on page* 47)

The Gamest Fighting Man

By THE RING EDITOR

THE passing of Battling Nelson at the age of 71, has removed from the sports world one more of the famed ring gladiators who earned a niche in the Fistic Hall of Fame during the early part of the twentieth century. His name is coupled with the greatest lightweights of the division. They called him the Durable Dane, a name fastened on him by the late Bill McGeehan, then a writer for a San Francisco newspaper, because as a distance fighter, they came no better than the Battler.

He possessed a remarkable ability to absorb punishment and it was this punishment that eventually brought about his downfall and in the last stages of his long life, resulted in committal to an insane asylum, the same fate that befell his keenest rival, Ad Wolgast. Courage is an admirable quality. One cherishes its possession in every field of endeavor, but in the case of boxing, it can be over done and so it was with both Nelson and Wolgast.

If Battling Nelson were fighting in these days when a championship contest is limited to fifteen rounds and a non-title bout doesn't go beyond ten rounds except occasionally, he wouldn't get to the top as he did when twenty or more rounds were the rule rather than the exception. The longer the fight, the better Nelson appeared.

His plan of campaign was to let his opponent wear himself out by pounding at him until he began to feel that the Battler was not human. But he was human, alright. Five world famous physicians, including Dr. Sargent, the famed Harvard medico, testified to that.

It was back in 1908 that they examined him after he had scored two knockouts over the mighty Joe Gans, one in twenty-one rounds and again in seventeen in San Francisco and they reported that his brain was in "complete repose, without irritability or excitability" and "calmly awakes to the necessity of unusual activity without wasting a single ounce of strength." That was the accepted diagnosis of the quintet. One of the five in his report, stated that a blow which would render the usual man unconscious, had no effect on Nelson.

MUCH has been written about Nelson's career, some of it only recently in this publication following the report of the Dane's illness and my appointment on the committee to solicit funds for him. What happened to the $2000 collected and turned over to him, seems a mystery since he was penniless when removed to a hospital.

In the early days of his career, after he had been battered often about the head and had been floored a number of times, he was described as "a dumb young brute with an abnormally thick skull, a jaw of iron and an animal insensibility to pain."

But as time went on and he gained the world crown, he displayed many assets of the truly great. But in the hour of his defeat by Wolgast, a defeat that cost him the world lightweight crown, he was both magnificent and tragic. It was one of the most savage fights in American ring history, a contest in which science was not in evidence but bulldog grit, determination, flaying fists and murderous punches that would have put the average person into his grave, were the highlights.

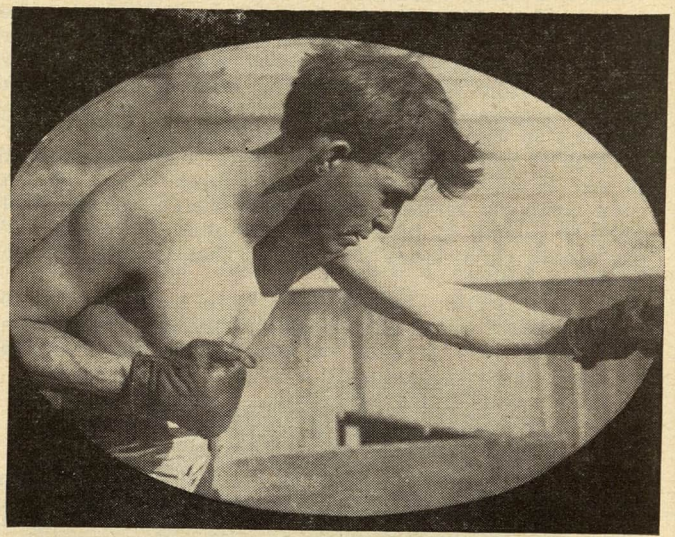
For twenty-five rounds Nelson pounded the body of Wolgast and Ad kept lashing his fists into Nelson's face until the claret spattered to the canvas as the soggy gloves struck home, and the head of the Battler kept bobbing back and forth. Yet always Nelson kept coming out to meet his foe without wimpering or wavering.

That's the kind of a fighter the Battler was and no amount of punishment could halt him so long as he could raise his arms. When the cry "stop it" was raised after the thirtieth round at a time when Nelson had one eye closed and the other on the verge, his mouth twisted out of shape, his bruised face crimson until his appearance became a sickening sight, Nelson, snarling, screamed with rage at those who would halt the contest. Always he pressed forward, glaring defiance at the young opponent who was rolling up points and was certain to take the crown away from him.

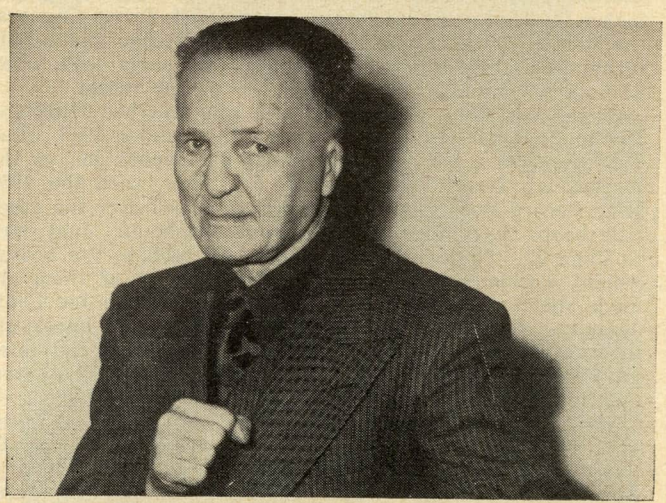
But the bout became even too savage for the hardened spectators who hated to see a game champion take such a shellacking that even they pleaded for a halt. When he came out for the fortieth round, he was a pitiful sight. Blinded, he tried to pry open his swollen eyelids with the thumb of his glove. He could not see and was feeling his way towards Wolgast when Referee Ed Smith of California stepped between the men held up the staggering champion, and crowned Ad Wolgast his successor—the world lightweight king.

WERE Nelson in the ring today, he would be hooted out of it, so listless would his exhibitions have been. His was a different era. It was a period when long distance battles were the vogue and what might have happened during the first fifteen rounds of a battle in which the Durable Dane was a contestant, would be merely incidental to what would have been in store around the thirtieth round. Today the fighters are bred for speed and frequently even in a ten rounder we see little of that. Yet in the Wolgast-Nelson fight the men went at each other hammer-and-tong and at

(*Continued on page* 46)



Battling Nelson as he looked at the height of his career.



The Durable Dane, a shadow of his former self, in the last stages of his life.

JOHNSON FIRST IN LINE

(*Continued from page* 4)

latter was a strong favorite for days prior to the third bout) Archie entered the ring a 6 to 5 underdog.

But once the gong sounded and the fighters got into action, it became evident that the odd makers had erred. Moore set the pace in most of the rounds, connected with the most effective blows, bobbed and weaved his way out of range of Maxim's tosses and otherwise had it all over the challenger.

It was only the grit and determination of Maxim that enabled him to carry on for the fifteen rounds.

The gathering of 16,375 that paid $85,000 for the nationally telecast and broadcast 15 rounder, saw a far better contest than was anticipated. And the turnout was likewise a surprise. Though it did not equal in receipts what Jim Norris and his International Boxing Club had hoped for, there was a handsome profit for all concerned. Moore received his largest sum since starting his professional career in 1936—a $46,000 check.

● ● ●

With victory in his hands, Archie announced his desire to face Marciano. He also declared that the series between him and Maxim was now at an end and that if he could obtain a fair purse, he would like to give Johnson a chance to fight for the light heavyweight crown.

Jim Norris has told him that he can have that bout for the ball park in Philadelphia next May or July with Herman Taylor the co-promoter provided financial terms are met. Taylor has been given the green light by Charley Johnston, manager of Moore and Norris and unless Johnson loses in the meantime, he should be Moore's next opponent.

Johnson is The Ring's Number One challenger and that of the N.B.A. and so far as the light heavyweight division goes, he and Maxim stand head and shoulder over the rest of the contenders. With Maxim out of the way, Johnson is the only fighter in the division who can draw any money with Moore and since the financial set-up is a big thing in championship fights, Harold has the upper hand.

● ● ●

Those who viewed the latest bout were satisfied. The two knockdowns saved the night by providing the thrills. Archie showed plenty of pep once the fight got under way and though at times he was razzed by the spectators for hitting Maxim low, his general performance was good. His triumph was the sixteenth straight for the muscular-built champion who has a clean slate for the past two years. Realizing that he had sapped his strength by making weight, Moore set after his rival from the opening bell. As in their Ogden battle, Archie wore down Joey with heavy body blows often delivered with snap. Power-packed hooks added to Maxim's worries. It was one of that type that almost put Joey away for keeps in the eleventh round.

The eighth round was the start of the finish for the challenger. Moore cut loose with all he had after the crowd had roared its disapproval at the inactivity of the fighters, and a right to the chin dropped Joey. When he got to his feet, he was glassy-eyed, but he was able to finish the round. Thereafter, for several rounds Joey back-pedaled and held often to avoid further punishment and succeeded somewhere but Archie was at him and clipped him a number of times with rights and lefts.

Again in the eleventh the fans started to give the boys the Bronx cheers and Moore riled at their action, lunged forward. He caught Maxim first with a stinging right, then a left, followed with another right to the head and dropped him with still another savage right for a count of seven. Often thereafter he had Maxim in trouble but couldn't put him down again.

In the scoring, Referee Cy Gottfried had it 145 to 137, with Moore leading 11 rounds to four. Judge Monty Monroe scored it 148 to 135 with thirteen rounds for Moore, one even and one for Joey and Judge Mark Erwin's tally showed 148 to 134 in points with 13 to 2 in rounds. Maxim scaled 174¼ to 175 for Archie.

FOUL FACTS

(*Continued from page* 10)

Nine years later the welterweight title did swap owners on a foul when Joe Dundee was ruled out for firing several low punches into Jackie Fields in the second round in Chicago.

The Schmeling-Sharkey bout was the last world title affair decided on a disqualification in an American ring, but there have been several in Europe, which has never gotten around to adopting a rule against low punching. Marcel Thil of France, one of the many claimants of the middleweight championship while it was in dispute during the '30's defeated two Yankee rivals on disqualifications in Paris. He won from Gorilla Jones in eleven rounds in 1932, and twice from Lou Brouillard, in four rounds in 1936 and six rounds in 1937. Then, of course, there was the British version of the world heavyweight title awarded to Bruce Woodcock when Lee Savold was declared null and void for a low punch in the fourth round in London in 1948.

SHOWBOATS

(*Continued from page* 16)

to the problem at hand, while giving the impression that it was all so easy matters could be ended at any time.

● ● ●

Sugar Ray is making a living at it now, but during many of his ring battles he tipped his hand that show business was his first love. Sugar was the great exponent of the "roadwork in the corner" rigmarole, doing more jigging about during the introductions and pre-fight ceremonies than most boxers do in the gym.

For reasons best known to himself, Robinson was not always in there to seriously damage an opponent. Indeed, in many cases he seemed to prefer showcasing all the intricate moves of the expert boxer, to scoring knockout victories. In such engagements, one of his flossiest fandangoes was a maneuver in which he allowed himself to be trapped in a corner, then holding a rope with one hand, he flitted from side to side with such rapidity of movement, that his foe flailed away with frustrated fury. Suddenly as if by magic, he would disappear out of the corner, and the positions would be reversed with the adversary left standing there in blurry bewilderment. Little harm had been done anybody during this gaudy gesture, but Robinson obviously got as much pleasure out of it as a one punch knockout.

The line between the showman and the showoff is often indistinct, and Robinson's didoes were often interpreted as grandstanding by non-admirers of the Harlem hotshot. This didn't help his popularity but he never seemed to care, as long as his fancy for the footlights was being appeased.

He never hit the larger arenas but from all accounts Battling Bozo, the old Birmingham Buffoon, belonged in vaudeville. Authority for this is none other that Maxie Rosenbloom who was hardly a model of conservatism himself. Maxie didn't come by his old cognomen of "Harlem Harlequin" by accident, and when he calls Bozo "the funniest guy in the ring I ever saw" everyone should sit up and take notice.

"I fought the guy four times down South. He made so many funny moves I couldn't do anything with him the first three times. The last time we fought in Kansas City, I started imitating him and the crowd nearly died laughing. And what d'Ya think? I wind up with the only decision I ever got over the guy."

What a match that must have been! Maxie Rosenbloom—Clown Prince of the Ring—doing a take-off on a funnier fellow than he was.

● ● ●

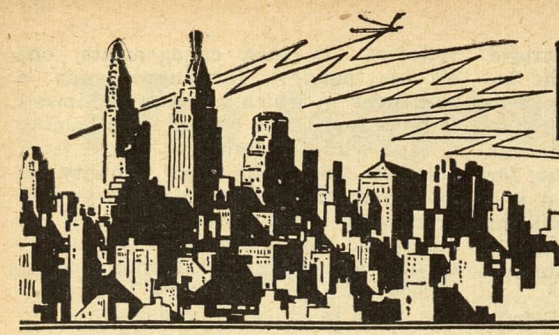
Boxers using the hands-at-the-sides, up-on-the-toes, continually moving style of boxing, automatically qualify as ring showmen. Jimmy Slattery personified this type, while making no conscious effort to show-off. Bushy Graham and Memphis Pal Moran, old time bantams, were two others in the same category.

Many years ago Johnny Dundee became famous for his knack of bouncing off the ropes. If Dundee didn't pull this stunt several times during the course of his bouts, the customers felt cheated. That was what they came to see.

That Rocky Graziano is making good on television as an entertainer, comes as no surprise to fight people. The likeable Rocky didn't have the skill of some of the others, but he was always trying his best in the ring to excite the crowd.

Boxing is not show business. The fighters who picked up reputations as showmen and got anywhere, all had solid foundations of ability.

Gavilan is a perfect example of this. Showboating appeals to him, but in his forthcoming fight for the middleweight title, with the capable champion Bobo Olsen, a most serious chap who is all business every minute, the Kid figures to have little opportunity for the eye-catching carrying-on for which he has become noted.



BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

THERE have been few more colorful personalities in this rugged trade than Oscar Battling Matthew Nelson, one-time world lightweight champion, who, at 71, died recently in Chicago.

It was a tragic twist that one who had known so much popularity, prestige and financial wealth in the heyday of his eventful ring career should have had to drift through his closing years in obscurity and poverty.

Boxing history duly records Nelson's long, industrious span in the ring, but it doesn't cover Bat's many, varied and vicissitudinal experiences outside the roped arena. Few fighters leave behind them as abundant a supply of colorful anecdotes as those involving Nelson. Quite a character, was Bat, and always good "copy" for a sports writer.

Nearly three and a half decades have since flitted by, but this agent still has vivid recollections of Nelson's brief but notable career as a referee in New York.

The Walker Law had just returned professional boxing to the Empire State in 1920. Bat got himself a referee's license, and his first assignment was a New Year's Day (1921) matinee card at the Pioneer Club, which held forth in the old Fiss, Doerr & Carroll horse mart in East 24th Street, just off Lexington Avenue. The main event was a 15-rounder between Packey O'Gatty and Benny Coster, a pair of bantam rivals from the Mulberry Bend district on the Lower East Side.

As we recall, it was a fast, nip-and-tuck affair for thirteen rounds. In the fourteenth, O'Gatty dropped Coster. The latter, more tired than hurt decided to take the benefit of a count. Nelson began to toll off the seconds but O'Gatty's handlers, feeling Bat wasn't going fast enough (there were no knockdown timers in those days), started to hoot and howl. The count had reached five or six when Nelson, annoyed, suddenly stopped, walked over to the ropes and began to argue with his tormenters.

Coster was on one knee, ready to rise, but with the unexpected turn of events, he stayed down. O'Gatty's handlers yelled at Nelson to resume counting, but Bat was too busily engaged in arguing with the customers. The hooting increased in volume, and the more it increased, the more embattled Nelson became.

Bat finally was prevailed upon to stop arguing long enough to finish the count. But he'd forgotten where he had left off, and started all over again. At nine, Coster pulled himself to his feet.

O'GATTY'S corner demanded that Packey be declared winner, insisting Coster had been down at least twenty seconds. Their protests netted them nothing, however, and the bout continued. So did the noisy abuse O'Gatty's crowd heaped on Nelson. Getting into the spirit of things, Coster's cohorts forgot their rivalry with the O'Gatty contingent, and blended their lusty catcalls with the opposition's. It was quite a hubub.

Nelson became more and more embattled. Ignoring the fight, he charged around the ring, shaking his fists at all and sundry, and challenging anybody in the house. He was still battling it out with the clients when the bout ended, and it was with difficulty that Announcer Joe Humphreys quieted him down sufficiently to give a decision. (At the time, a referee gave his verdict only if the two judges disagreed, as they did in this case.) Bat had lost track of the fight during his more absorbing feud with the crowd. After pondering the matter a few moments, he decided Coster had won, but almost immediately he changed his mind and declared for O'Gatty.

The State Athletic Commission promptly suspended Nelson's license, but was persuaded to give Bat another chance. A month or so later the old champ was assigned to a featherweight match between Charley Pilkington and Frankie Brown at the Star Casino (then operating as the Lenox) in Harlem.

The bout developed into a dreary clutching affair. Along about the fourth or fifth round, Walter Hooke, chief deputy commissioner, yelled up to Nelson, who was leaning nonchalantly on the ropes: "Hey, break those guys from those clinches and make them fight."

Nelson looked down at Hooke. "Break them?" he snorted. "Hell, nobody ever broke me when I was fighting."

That ended Battling Nelson's brief career as a referee in New York.

THE efforts of Teddy Brenner, enterprising matchmaker Eastern Parkway Arena, to revive the practically defunct bantam division in the big-time American boxing scene may yet pay off. A colorful, popular champion can often enliven any class, and from what young Nate Brooks flashed in taking the North American title from Billy Peacock at the Parkway, he may be just the one to put some animation back into the anemic 118-pound brigade.

It is difficult, of course, to pass definite judgment on a fighter's qualifications by one showing, but it must be conceded that Brooks shaped up as real championship material in disposing of Peacock so decisively. What made the 20-year-old Clevelander's performance all the more impressive was that his total previous professional experience had been limited to eight preliminaries, none of them beyond six rounds. Brooks, incidentally, is the second of our five Olympic champions of 1952 to become outstanding in pro competition. Light-heavyweight Floyd Patterson was the first.

Despite his current ring status, it is doubtful if Brooks will give up his law studies at Ohio State University to make boxing a full-time proposition. There isn't enough bantam activity in the United States at present to make it worth Nate's while, and he may not be interested in halting his scholastic course to campaign in foreign climes, where bantams still are popular and fairly numerous. The outlook is for Brooks to remain in college until he graduates, and fight as and when matches develop.

The only worth-while American bantam available as an opponent for Brooks right now is Henry (Pappy) Gault. Admitting that Gault lost to Peacock, and Peacock, in turn, was outclassed by Brooks, there's a matter of "styles" to consider. Often enough, you'll hear of A whipping B and B trouncing C, only to have C come back and beat A. Gault lacks a lot of things of being a great fighter, but he's a rugged, busy, experienced campaigner, and may have just the style to bother Brooks.

GAULT, incidentally, has become quite a world traveler. With fights scarce in his homeland, the little South Carolinian has had to do considerable touring to keep active at his trade. He began his junketing modestly enough in

1952 with jaunts to Cuba and Canada, but in the last year he has really spread himself, fighting in France, Australia and Thailand (Siam), where his opponents were three of the 118-pound division's top operatives. First, Pappy hooked up with Robert Cohen in Paris. Then he tangled with the world champion, Jimmy Carruthers, in Sydney. His most recent outing was to Bangkok for a date with Chamrern Songkitrat.

From personal observation, Gault's manager, Chris Cline, should qualify as something of an authority on the international bantam situation.

Cline tabs Carruthers as a real champion. "Jimmy's southpaw style gives him an advantage over most opponents," says Chris, "but that isn't his main asset. He's a smooth, all-around mechanic. He can box, and is very fast with his hands and feet. Tall and rangy, he knows how to make the most of his height and reach. He jabs and hooks well with his right, and while he isn't a knockout puncher, he packs plenty of authority in his left hand. Carruthers' one weakness, if you'd call it that, is a tendency to cut easily around the eyes."

What of Robert Cohen, rated Carruthers' No. 1 rival?

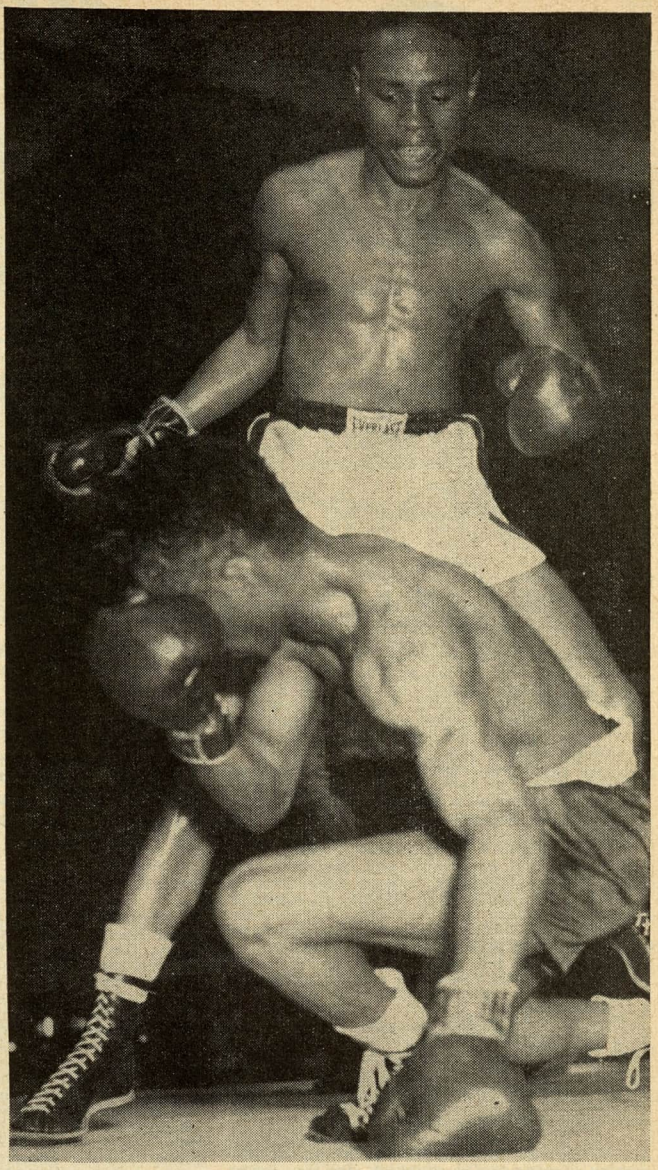
"A strong, busy 'club fighter.' He's a durable sort, but lacks Carruthers' class, and is too easy to hit."

Chamrern Songkitrat?

"Chunky, and handicapped by short arms, a tough kid, but not much of a puncher, and knows very little about boxing. I don't know if it's his regular style, but against Gault all he did was run backward around the ring, suddently stop, throw one punch, then clinch. I wouldn't rate him much of a threat to the title."

What bantam does Cline consider the one most likely to bother Carruthers?

"A kid I haven't seen as yet—Johnny Kelly, the Irishman who holds the European title. I heard a lot about Kelly when Gault and I stopped off in London on our way back from Paris. From all accounts, he must be a fine little fighter. There would be one unusual angle in a Carruthers-Kelly match. Both being southpaws, they'd probable puzzle each other, and it would be interesting to see which would figure out the other one first."



His previous professional experience limited to only eight preliminary bouts, 1952 Olympia flyweight champion Nate Brooks of Cleveland won North American bantam title by stopping Billy Peacock in eight round at Eastern Parkway.

SHORT JOLTS. . . . A face long familiar to the local fight trade vanished from the scene with the passing of Harry (Happy) Howard. We wouldn't know Howard's age exactly, but it was somewhere in the vicinity of 60. For upwards of a quarter-century, Happy, as a member of Madison Square Garden's special police, had been been assigned to fighters' dressing rooms, but probably not many of the modern crowd knew that in his younger days the lanky Yorvillian was a pretty fair sort of fighter himself. Happy campaigned as a middleweight, and was good enough to step along with the likes of Harry Greb, Mike Metigue and Jeff Smith.

With the announcement that the International Boxing Club, with Duke Stefano as matchmaker, is starting a series of "new talent" non-TV'd shows at the St. Nicholas Arena on Tuesday nights comes word that the Ridgewood Grove also is making another attempt to get back into fistic circulation. The Grove is returning to its long-established Saturday night setup, with Moe Fleischer again handling the matchmaking reins. The shows will not be televised, and by featuring promising neighborhood kids with personal followings, the Grove believes it can make a success of the venture.

Bert Lippe, son of old-time manager, the late Al Lippe, drops in to say he's "very happy" with his physical instructor's job at the exclusive Gotham Health Club, and has no regrets at leaving the fight business. "Irving Bottman is a swell boss to work for," says Bert, whose clients number such Broadway personalities as Farley Granger, Ralph Meeker, Tod Andrews, William Inge and Adolf Gluckstern.

CONGRATULATIONS to Abe Attell on his 71st birthday. (The record books list Abe as having been born in 1884, but he says they've made him a year younger than he actually is; that he made his earthly bow in '83.) Attell celebrates his birthday the same day the nation observes George Washington's—February 22. Incidentally, it was a nasty trick the whimsical gods of destiny played on Abe back in 1912—picking his birthday, and Washington's, for Abe to lose his featherweight title to Johnny Kilbane in Vernon, Cal. . . . The years have done right well by Abe. He's as spry, mentally and physically, as he was when we first met him, 'way back when. . . . Currently, the old champ is keeping active operating a prosperous bar and grill at 2nd Avenue and 55th Street.

The ubiquitous Maurie Waxman is expanding his activities. Along with his many other assignments, Maurie has contracted to book former lightweight and welterweight champion Barney Ross for what promises to be a busy schedule. Along with refereeing assignments (wrestling as well as boxing), and lectures in juvenile delinquency and the narcotics evil, Waxman is readying Ross for possible TV and radio boxing commentary jobs. Maurie also hopes to sell Barney's life story to some movie producer.

THE month's results:

On leave from the Army, and making his first official ring start in nearly two years, World Featherweight Champion Sandy Saddler, 130¼, Harlem, battered game but overmatched Bill Bossio, 128, Pittsburgh, into defeat at 2:23 of the ninth at St. Nicholas Arena. Lanky Saddler towered over chunky Bossio by eight inches, and outclassed him so completely it was difficult to determine what ring rust, if any, the champion had picked up during his long absence from active competition. But Sandy hadn't forgotten any of his back-alley tactics, and he used them all on hapless Bossion. Bill was ripped over the left eye in the first, his nose bloodied in the second, and he was nearly finished in the third by a left hook that flattened him on his back for nine. Bossio fought back stubbornly, and managed to score with occasional wild swings, but it was obvious he was battling impossible odds. Bill was so exhausted in the ninth that his legs collapsed when Saddler shoved him into the ropes, and Referee Barney Felix gave him the benefit of a knockdown count. It did him no good, however, and he was stumbling wearily a few moments later when Felix halted the sorry affair. In sixes, Bobby Bell, 130¼, Youngstown, O., whipped Filberto Osario, 127, Puerto Rico; Ray Drake, 157¾, Far Rockaway, won from Don Lambert, 161, New Haven, and Henry W. Smith, 140½, Harlem, outslugged Frederico Escalero, 141, Puerto Rico. In fours, Frank Bombiani, 148, Ardmore, L. I., decisioned Joe Lissy, 146¾, Yorkville, and Ernie Step, 156½, Harlem, stopped Dave Dominoes, 153¾, Brooklyn, at 1:32 of the fourth.

The blasting body asaults of heavier, stronger Carmine Fiore, 146¾, Brooklyn, were too much for Freddie (Babe) Herman, 140, Los Angeles, and the Californian retired in his corner at the end of the third at Eastern Parkway. The lighter, shiftier Herman started fast, and gave a good account of himself for two rounds, but it was obvious that he couldn't hold off Fiore indefinitely. The Brooklynite nearly ripped Herman apart in the third with a series of lusty swings to the mid-section. One of them, a vicious left apparently paralyzed the Babe's right leg, and he seemed in pain as he limped to the corner at the bell. His handlers called in the club physician, Dr. Samuel Swetnick, who recommended the bout be stopped. It was the first knockout posted in a Parkway main event in seven weeks—and, oddly enough, the loser this time. Herman was winner in the last previous one, halting Brian Kelly. Joe Shaw, 161, whipped Don Bryant, 157, in an all-Harlem semi-final six. In fours, Jimmy Moulton, 135,

(*Continued on page* 48)

..IN SUNNY California

By BILL MILLER

CISCO ANDRADE, the Compton Comet, emerged from his 20th pro fight still undefeated, but many of the fans at the Olympic Auditorium thought that his opponent, the veteran Carlos Chavez, was entitled to a draw. Andrade weighed 134¾; Chavez, 137.

Andrade's score to date: 20 fights, 19 wins, 11 by knockout; one draw.

The crowd of about 3,000 was definitely pro-Chavez; the veteran was a 3-1 underdog and put up an amazingly good fight. Over the long years, since he turned pro in 1939, Chavez has met six champs or former champs; defeated four of them. Jimmy Carter and Willie Pep duked the chunky Mexican, but he holds verdicts over Lauro Salas, twice; Manuel Ortiz; Harold Dade, twice; and Lou Salica. This was 102nd pro battle.

In the bloodshot eyes of this critic, Andrade was entitled to the decision. However, there's no denying the fact that it would make one helluva rematch. They'll be back in about a month.

Cisco fought a smart, heady battle, concentrating on a body attack in the early rounds. Chavez was the aggressor, but Andrade's counter-punching was accurate and forceful.

Referee Frankie Van scored it 55½-53½ (Andrade was penalized one point in the 4th); Judge Dynamite Jackson had Cisco in front 57-52; Judge Jack McDonald tabbed it 54½-54½.

Big Bob Albright, 206, in his 11th pro fight, racked up his fifth one-round knockout at the expense of Ric Garro, 216, of San Jose, in the semi-final, scheduled for six. This boy Albright has caught on with the fans; he's a killer-diller.

The fours: Sydney Caples, 147½, decisioned Fernando La Doll, 145; George Jacquet, 118, and Epifanio Martinez, 120, battled a furious draw, enjoyed a tremendous silver shower; Lorenzo Garcia, 134, decisioned Willie Escobar, 135; and Otho Fligers, 142, decisioned Andy Maes, 147.

Californians are justifiably proud of the Golden State's solid showing in the latest ratings issued by The Ring.

Ten fighters from the West Coast are included in Nat Fleischer's authoritative listing.

Heavyweights: Tommy Harrison, No. 6; Clarence Henry, No. 9.

Light-heavies: Archie Moore, world champion.

Middleweights: Bobo Olson, world champion.

Welterweights: Ramon Fuentes, No. 6; Art Aragon, No. 8.

Lightweights: Eddie Chavez, No. 2; Johnny Gonsalvez, No. 6.

Featherweights: Davy Gallardo, No. 6.

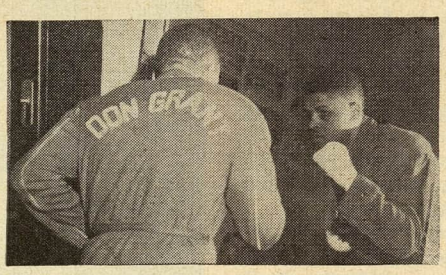
Bantamweights: Billy Peacock, No. 5.

Well, here's a tip for Nat: coming up fast on the outside are such boys as Bob Albright, the 21-year-old heavyweight from the San Fernando valley; undefeated Don Grant, light-heavy; Art Aragon, still the best drawing-card on the Pacific Coast (he grossed $157,000 in four fights at the Olympic Auditorium in 1953); Ramon Fuentes, the state welter champ; undefeated Cisco Andrade, lightweight; and a few others.

By the time this appears in print, some of the above may have fallen by the wayside. Defeat is an occupational hazard in boxing, but not necessarily fatal.

Floyd Taylor of Santa Clara writes me that Promoter Babe Griffin, San Jose, is very high on Chuck Adkins, former San Jose State college star. Adkins flattened Jesse Underwood, Detroit, in three. The Adkins-Underwood scrap attracted a crowd of 2503, and a gross of $5,295.50. Much bigger cities have drawn much smaller gates.

Vic (Kid) Ponce, 125, scored a one-punch knockout over one Sammy Serrano, Mexico, 126, in the main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was a 32-second affair, one of the quickest kayos ever registered in the Filmville arena. About 1500 customers.



Rated as the finest prospect on the West Coast. Don is undefeated in 12 fights, winning 7 by kayos. He is a good boxer and punches hard with either hand. With less than a year's pro experience he has moved into the main bout class. Grant has kayoed Jesse Fuentes, Bill Lanza, Bobby Castro, and Shamus Jones, while defeating Esau Ferdinand and Jimmy Ingram. He is another RING prospect who has come through.

Serrano was pitifully inadequate; the 1952 Ring Record book, page 542, lists only three fights for him. He lost to Uruapan Kid in Mexico City; was knocked out by Trini Ruiz in the 9th round, last year, and won a six-round duke over Rodolfo Ybarra.

A left-hook to the jaw, only blow of the bout, knocked Serrano through the ropes. It didn't seem like a particularly hard blow—but then, I didn't feel it. At all events, Serrano was stunned, had to be helped to his feet by Referee Mushy Callahan.

Mushy permitted Serrano to square off, on obviously shaky legs, but before another punch could be landed, Callahan stopped the fight. Ponce was 4-1 favorite.

Manuel Castillo, 145, floored Chick Boucher, 143, four times before gaining a TKO in 1:12, 3rd round. It was scheduled for six. A few weeks ago, as a main eventer, Boucher dropped a 10-round split decision to southpaw Rudy Jordan.

Harland Kelly, 227, easily defeated Dutch Culbertson, 195, another former main eventer, in the six-round special. The fours: Amado Martinez, 140, technical decision over Lorenzo Alonzo, 137, 4th round; Mario Conde, 150, TKO (1) over Jimmy Guzzo, 145.

Suey Welch's heavyweight, Charley Powell, is back in training. The big San Diegan is a pro football star. He plays defensive end for the San Francisco Forty-Niners. He's also a crack baseball player.

Suey is no novice in managing heavyweigst. He piloted elderly K.O. Christner, a quarter of a century ago and got him into the heavy dough. During the mid-Thirties, he managed big Hank Hankinson.

Willie Vaughn, the recently-crowned middleweight champ of California, 160½, could get no better than a draw with Chebo Hernandez, 160½, Juarez, Mexico, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

The press boys soundly criticized the verdict, but here's how the ring officials saw it: Referee Reggie Gillmore voted for Vaughn, 55-53; Judge Tommy Hart tabbed it 54-54, and so did Judge Jimmy Wallace.

Vaughn was docked two points for repeated use of the rabbit punch, despite warnings from Referee Gillmore.

It was Willie's second meeting with Hernandez. Their first scrap, three months ago, also resulted in a draw. Oddly, in that meeting, all three officials turned in 55-55 cards.

Hernandez got off in front, but it didn't take Vaughn long to get rolling, and the estimated crowd of 1800 roundly booed the verdict. Vaughn was 3-1 choice going in.

Marvin Smith, 136, won an unpopular six-round verdict from Lorenzo Alonzo, 138, of Tucson, in the semi. The customers didn't like this decision, either.

Vaughn gets his rematch with former champ Charley Green, the man from whom he won his 160-lb. state title, in about a month from the time this is written. It will be a national TV show; Vaughn collecting 35 percent, and Green getting a guarantee of $1,800. Early wagering favors Green at 4-1. Charley the Chiller was 10-1 choice the night he lost his crown.

It took a furious finish by Jose Luis Cotero, 124½, to net him a split-decision draw with Reuben Smith, 126½, at South Gate Arena.

Smith, 3-1 underdog, built up a good-sized lead in the early rounds, showing to excellent advantage in the infighting. A rousing rally by the Mexican lad in the last two rounds enabled him to tie the score. Reuben was rocked by right-handers in the tenth, but remained upright.

Referee Charley Randolph tabbed it 55-55, even-Stephen; Judge Reggie Gillmore voted for Smith, 56-54, but Judge Jimmy Wilson saw it 57-53 in favor of Cotero.

Sailor Billy Hartman, 142½, scored a 5-round TKO over Ronnie Milane, 146, in the semi-final. The fours were exceptionally good: Johnny Novello, 139, knocked out Al Moore, 134½, in the 2nd; undefeated Jerry "Dutch" Fowler, Whitey Ekwert's pride, defeated Manny Elam, 140½; and Ray Castro, 137, TKO 2 over Vince Cero, 132.

Valley Gardens Arena shut down, after two shows that failed to set the river afire. There was talk that it might re-open later. Without benefit of TV moolah, this club has found it tough sledding, financially, though there are plenty of fight fans in the Valley.

Tommy Harrison's sensational win over Earl Walls up in Toronto, where a crowd of 14,737 paid the record sum of $45,261, to see the doin's, is still the talk of L.A. Walls had won 14 of his last 15 fights by knockout, and was the solid choice at 2½ to 1. Harrison, outweighed eight pounds, dropped the Canadian twice, and by the victory boosted himself to the No. 6 spot in Nat Fleischer's ratings for March. Manager George Parnassus takes time out from his wrestling promotion in Sioux City to hurl challenges at Rocky Marciano; Promoter Frank Tunney, of Toronto, has offered Marciano a $100,000. guarantee to defend his title against Harrison.

The Southern California Boxing Writers' Association tossed its second annual Awards banquet at the Hollywood A.C. and drew a packed house. Some 300 were on hand for the successful shindig.

The George Blake Memorial award for outstanding achievement in boxing by a California fighter went to Carl (Bobo) Olson, world's middleweight champ.

The Gene Vinassa Memorial, to the man who had made outstanding contribution to boxing, went to popular Irving Berman, the pants tycoon. Both awards were warmly recommended.

It was announced that Mort Moss, of the L. A. Examiner, had been elected president, succeeding George Main of the Herald-Express. "Now I know how Harry Truman felt", grinned Main.

Other awards were made as follows:

Ramon Fuentes, "Fighter of the year".

Andy Escobar and Don Grant, "Preliminary fighters of the year". Both are now main eventers.

Willie Lucero, "Amateur boxer of the year".

Cisco Andrade, "Rookie of the year". This boy is undefeated, and at the time of the award had won 18 of his 19 fights, boxed one draw.

Award for the best fight of the year went to Oscar Reyes and Vinnie De Carlo for their memorable brawl at the Olympic Auditorium a couple of months earlier.

Also honored were the current state champions; they received scrolls from the Helms Athletic Foundation. They are:

Willie Bean, heavyweight; Frankie Daniels, light-heavy; Willie Vaughn, middleweight; Ramon Fuentes, welter; Johnny Gonsalvez,

lightweight; Dave Gallardo, featherweight, and Baby Face Gutierrez, featherweight.

All in all, it was a large evening, attended by the Who's Who of Southern California boxing, Jimmy Lennon did a fine job as master of ceremonies, but the hit of the night was scored by brother Bill Lennon; he sang "Danny Boy" and "Rose of Tralee".

Making his debut as a main-eventer, Zora Bell Folley—sounds like a strip-tease artist, doesn't it—emerged with flying colors by scoring a 7-round TKO over Howard King, the 20-year old Nevada Rancher. Folley, 190½; King, 180.

It was Folley's fifth pro fight, and his third knockout in the punch-for-pay business. He had the edge all the way. He scored a knockdown in the 5th with a left to the chops.

Big Bob Albright, 208, the San Fernando footballer, and one of the most talked-about young heavies on the Coast, scored a one-round knockout over a Sacramento pigeon named Bob Thorne, 237. Thorne had size, but no sting.

A few solid body blows made Thorne ripe for the finisher, and it wasn't long forthcoming. The time: 1:43. It was Albright's fourth one-round knockout in ten pro starts.

The fours: Jerry "Dutch" Fowler, a 2-1 underdog, made it four straight wins by trouncing well-regarded Tommy Chalk, 139, in the special event. Fowler, 144½, is managed by the veteran Whitey Ekwert, who trained Pancho Villa, Tod Morgan, Mike Ballerino, Pete Sarmiento and many other great scrappers in the long-ago.

Epifanio Martinez, 121½, decisioned Billy Bevil, 122; Clyde Wagner, 140½, drew with Henry Johnson, 141; and Andy Maes, Denver welter, 148, decisioned Kid Poli Zepeda of Tijuana, 145.

Jake Williams, 186½, suffered two knockdowns early in the fight, but a right-hand uppercut in the 9th round sent Irish Jimmy Sheets, 187½, to the canvas for the full count at Valley Gardens arena. Williams was a 4-1 favorite.

Other bouts: Ray Greco, 148, decisioned Jimmy Guzzo, 144½; Al Perez, 148½, decisioned Wayne Graham, 146; and Rudy Romero, 162½, decisioned Jerry Holman, 163.

Hard-hitting Dick Finley, Long Beach light-heavy, 167½, scored a 4th round kayo over Frankie Crane, Seattle, 168, in the main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was a good win for Dick, and did much to make the fans forget his earlier defeats at the hands of Esau Ferdinand, Frankie Daniels and Charley Green.

Finley now seeks return bouts with Daniels and Green.

In the six-round semi-final, Candy Lopez, 123¼, scored a 4-round knockout over Mickey McGuire, 126. Candy was ahead all the way, scoring knockdowns in the first and third heats.

Felix Franklin, 154, a former Golden Glove champ, looked good in beating Joe Cardenas, 156½, in the six-round special event. A fourth-round knockdown gave Felix the unanimous verdict.

The fours: Ray Greco, 147, decisioned Wayne Graham, 145½; Tag Mayfield, 160, TKO (2) over Mel Blackshear, 159½.

At South Gate Arena, Chi Chi Martinez, 142, something of an underdog, scored the unanimous 10-round decision over Tote Martinez, 141 (no relation). He took eight of the ten rounds.

In the six-round semi-final, Al Williams, 153, won a tight-fit duke over club-fighting Pete Janke, 158—a very good scrap.

Johnny Novella, 142, continued his victorious march by trouncing Frankie Cockrell 145 in the best of the prelim bouts; Other fights: Lonnie Malone, 174, decisioned Lou Gross, 185; and Willie Escobar, 133, decisioned Willie Castillo, 131½.

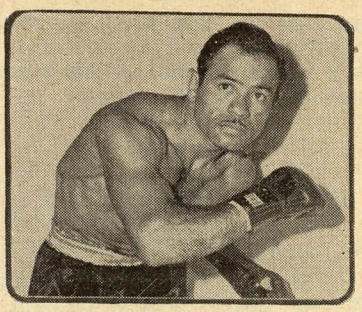
Al "Milkman" Cruz, 121, solidified his claim to the California featherweight crown by scoring a decisive victory over Billy Peacock, 118½, North American bantam champ, at the Olympic Auditorium. The verdict was unanimous.

Entering the ring a 2-1 choice, Cruz turned in one of the best fights of his career. If there was any doubt whatever about the way the fight was going, Cruz dissipated same by scoring an 8th round knockdown over the former Philadelphian.

Peacock, apparently off-form, scrambled to his feet after the knockdown and managed to finish the round. He made a Garrison finish, and managed to win the last round.

Referee Charley Randolph tabbed it 58-52; Judge Joe Stone saw it 60½ to 49½; and Judge Tommy Hart, 59½ to 50½.

Though Peacock's North American title remained intact, his prestige suffered damage. Later in New York, he lost his title to Nate Brooks who stopped him in the eighth after stopping Peacock twice.



Ramon Fuentes, California's Fighter Of The Year. He was honored by the sports writers.

Billy Evans, Canto Robleto's pride, 128½, scored something of an upset in the six-round semi by defeating Jimmy Roybal, 126. It was Roybal's first defeat, and a tough one to lose. They'll undoubtedly be re-matched.

The fours: Ruben Picazo, 122½, decisioned George Jacquet, 119½; Jerry "Dutch" Fowler, 146½, Whitey Ekwert's protege, racked up his third straight win by scoring a one-round kayo over Leon Strickland, 153; Fernando La Doll, 146, defeated Frankie Cockrell, 148; and Ray Fields, 141, turned the tables on Aaron Junior, 142, in the opener. Junior defeated him a week earlier at South Gate.

Neal Rivers, 152, formerly of Buffalo but now an Angeleno, climbed another step up the fistic ladder of fame at South Gate Arena by scoring a 5-round TKO over Irish Jimmy McCoy, 149, of Eureka. It was scheduled for ten.

Rivers dropped McCoy twice in the fourth and once in the fifth. This boy has lost only one pro bout: that was his first main event, with Esau Ferdinand. He is managed by Norman Lockwood, a shrewd and capable pilot, and president of the local I.B.G.

Another McCoy fared better: that's Jackie McCoy, who manages Buddy Evatt, brilliant young lightweight prospect.

Evatt, 137, continued his winning ways by scoring a 5-round TKO over Babe Mathis, 139, in the semi-final. The fours: Satchel Porter, 158, drew with Willie Robinson, 163; Danny Donohue, 135, KO (3) over Art Lopez, 137; and Lonnie Malone, 174, decisioned Henry Taylor, 172.

Valley Gardens Arena made its re-entry into the fistic picture featuring Willie Vaughn, California middleweight champ, 161, against Jimmy Smith, 162½, in a non-title tiff. Vaughn won the unanimous verdict before a crowd that paid $1148 net, to see the festivities.

Score-cards were lopsided in favor of Vaughn; Referee Mushy Callahan gave him a 14-point edge; Judge Frankie Van went him two better and made it 16; and Judge Charley Randolph, more conservative, saw Vaughn by 10. Anyway, there was no question.

Bob McLane, 160, decisioned Joe Gardenas Chig, 158¼; Ray Greco, 138, decisioned Wayne Graham, 147; Pinky Cowan, 145, duked Lorenzo Alonzo, 148; and Mel Blackshear, 162, decisioned Jerry Holman, 162.

One of Hollywood's bright young men lost a lot of his luster and glamor at the Legion Stadium when Don Jordan, 138, defeated Andy Escobar, 136, in the main event.

It was Andy's 13th pro fight, and maybe that's what jinxed him.

Both boys were undefeated when they entered the ring.

The smart boys had figured that Jordan would get out in front, but Escobar would come like old Malicious in the stretch and mow him down. It proved just the opposite: Escobar had the edge at the end of the seventh, but it was Jordan in the last three heats, with the tenth round his best.

It was a good fight to watch, and despite TV, attracted a crowd estimated at more than 4500.

The officials agreed on the verdict, but they varied in their scoring. Referee Abe Roth scored it 56-54; Judge Reggie Gilmore tabbed it 55½-54½, but Judge Dynamite Jackson had Jordan 'way out in front, 58-52.

It was close enough to justify a rematch, and one will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

Jackie Spurgeon, 113½, won the unanimous duke over Jackie Herrera, 115, in the six-round semi. In another six, Harvey Taylor, 166, unanimously decisioned Roger Franco, 161.

The fours: Chuck Wiggins, 113, decisioned Johnny Gonzalez, 118; Jerry Holman, 153½, TKO 2 over Billy Eggerton, 164.

Don Grant, 163, won his 12th straight scrap, his second main event at the Olympic Auditorium, taking practically every round from Esau Ferdinand, 164½, San Francisco.

It was by far the most impressive win turned in by the classy youngster—who celebrated his 21st birthday on January 28th: Ferdinand had won two, lost two with Charley Green; had beaten Neal Rivers, Dick Finley and Art Soto.

Against Grant, he didn't have a ghost of a chance. Here's how the officials saw it: Referee Abe Roth, 59-51; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 62-48; Judge Frank Holborow, 60-50.

So highly is Grant esteemed hereabouts, that despite the fact that this was only his second main event, he went in as 5-2 favorite over the vastly more experienced Ferdinand—a former state middleweight champ. Actually, he won like a 10-1 shot.

Grant's pro record: 12 fights, 12 wins, 7 by knockout, five by decision.

In the six-round semi, Manuel Renteria, 137, was dropped for the count of eight in the second heat, but came roaring back to grab the unanimous verdict over lanky Babe Mathis, 138. Manuel will bear watching.

The four-rounders: Willie Escobar, 132, decisioned Willie Castillo, 132; Jimmy Ingram, 180, decisioned Lew Gross, 187; Frankie Cockrell, 150, decisioned Andy Maes, 147; and Satchel Porter, 157, decisioned Bob Moreland, 153.

Southpaw Rudy Jordan, 141, defeated Chick Boucher, 141¼ in the main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was a split decision. Jordan was dropped in round two, but came back strong enough to grab the duke. It was his 15th win in 18 pro starts.

Two of our eminent fistic reporters disagreed on the pronunciation of Boucher's name. John Hall of the Mirror said it was pronounced "bo-shay"; George Main of the Herald-Express insisted it was "boo-shay".

"Boo" or "bo"—it was "mud" when the ballots were counted. Both boys suffered cuts.

Referee Frankie Van voted for Jordan, 57-53; Judge Lee Grossman also tabbed Rudy, 56½-53½. Judge Frank Holborow saw it even-Stephen, 55-55.

In the six-round semi, Eddie Simms, 156, New Orleans, upset the dope by outslugging Ray Acosta, 154½ to grab the duke. In another six, Carlos Camacho, 144½, outpointed Pinky Sowan, 144.

The fours: Joe Cardenas, 154½, decisioned Rudy Coleman, 152; and Mel Blackshear 156, decisioned Frank Haynes, 162.

George Berry, 130½, a smooth operator from Gary, won a split 10-round verdict over slightly favored Doug Kirby, 137, in the main event at South Gate Arena. A big early lead saved Berry's bacon; Kirby came in the stretch with a rush, but too late. No knockdowns.

Al Williams, 153, won a split duke over Pete Janke, 156, in the six-round semi, a very good scrap. The fours: Ruben Picazo, 120½, TKO 1 over Epiphanio Martinez, 120½; Jerry "Dutch" Fowler, Whitey Ekwert's pride, won his second straight pro scrap by duking Leon Strickland, 151; and Aaron Junior, 142, startled the betting boys by outpointing heavily favored Ray Fields, 141.

The NEW Light-Sparring Speed-Bag

to develop 'SPEED'

NOISELESS

Also a big help in reducing your weight

Bag as shown complete, 6-panel covering. 2 detachable rubber cables, and 2 eye hooks for ceiling and floor. Bag is made of special fine, light, rubberized waterproof, tough canvas, which is lighter than leather, thereby giving Bag lightness and more speed. Size of Bag when inflated 9½ x 13½ inches.

PAT. PEN.

Regular Price $18.00

Only $12.00

POSTPAID in U.S.A. OUT of U.S.A. send $1.00 extra for POSTAGE and HANDLING. (Sorry no C.O.D.'s)

ANDRE'S GYM

3466 MT. ELLIOTT, DETROIT 7, MICH.

Amaze Friends With This Clever Trick!

CHANGE NICKELS INTO DIMES!

Place MAGIC CAP over 4 nickels . . . Presto! Nickels vanish and 4 dimes appear! Cap may be examined. No skill required! Precision-made device. ONLY $1.00 POSTPAID. Remit money order or cash. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

● FREE WITH YOUR ORDER ● LARGE CATALOG of 500 mystifying magic tricks and Jokes. WRITE TODAY!

D. ROBBINS & CO.
127 W 17 St., Dept. D-260
New York 11, N. Y.

If You Want to Stop Smoking

try NO-TO-BAC Lozenges. See how the aromatic flavor of NO-TO-BAC helps you give up the craving for tobacco. Rush $1 to NO-TO-BAC for 7 days' supply. (For heavy smokers — 16 days' supply — $2.) Money refunded if not satisfied. Write: **NO-TO-BAC, Dept.RG, Stamford, Conn.**

Only $1.00

Worth Many Times the Price

"THIRTY DAY DRILL for AMATEUR BOXERS"

The Pocket Guide To Better Boxing For HOME—CLUB—SCHOOL

Send $1 to

RICHARD R. SICCHIO, Author

Box 1000, Hurley, Wis.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR GOLDEN GLOVES BOXERS

Allow 7 to 10 Days For Delivery
No Foreign C.O.D.

JOBS ON SHIPS & YACHTS

MEN (16 to 50) Go to Sea. Travel foreign countries. Experience unnecessary. Civilian occupation. Excellent pay. Ship and yachting jobs adventurous-exciting. Write for FREE information. **DAVENPORT SEAMEN'S SERVICE, Dept. 47-C BOX 1354, G. P. O. NEW YORK 1, N. Y.**

PAY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Good Paying Jobs in So. America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia. Transp. Free. $400.00 to $2000.00 Monthly. Many Job Opportunities in Foreign Countries. Information Free.

TURNER FOREIGN BUREAU CO. File. 72-A 246 5th AVENUE, NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

I BELIEVE

(*Continued from page* 6)

seven rounds even and Layne got credit for two of the other three rounds. I was dumbfounded when the verdict was given. I couldn't understand it.

Harold Johnson was given a decision over me in Philadelphia in 1953 and that was another year Santa Claus arrived without snow and before Winter. I'm positive I won that, too.

Nino Valdes caught me on the worst night of my entire career and gave me a licking. I deserved it for taking too much for granted. But that's all in the past. I won't take any credit from the Cuban. He beat me fairly. I know I lost that one, but blame myself. I'd like a return bout. I've tried to get it but without success. His manager demanded too much.

• • •

I have never kidded myself. Fighting has been my profession and though I have fought great fighters and great punchers, I have never been hurt. I have been boxing, as amateur and professional since 1937 and know my strength and my limitations.

I have always vowed not to make the mistakes of some of the champions who preceded me. I have always said that I would not fight if I didn't have the faith in myself any more.

I not only have faith, I feel that I am now a better fighter than I have been in some years. I felt it when I fought Coley Wallace and I knew I had it when I came back off some terrific wallops by Bob Satterfield to knock him out in the second round.

I have faith in the knowledge that in Tom Tannas and Jake Mintz and my trainer, Jimmy Brown, I have three men who have my interests at heart. They will not push me forward for the sake of money. They have faith in me. It helps. I have found myself for the first time in a long time and I know where I am headed if I get the chance.

I have seen Marciano fight. He is strong and is a much better fighter than they give him credit for being. I have fought strong men before. I have fought great punchers before.

Lloyd Marshall, the only other man besides Walcott ever to knock me out, was one of the best punchers I ever fought. Archie Moore, Jimmy Bivins, Walter Hafer and Walcott, were terrific punchers. I'd hate to be in there with Satterfield on an off night.

I am not afraid of punchers. The left hook of Walcott's has not become the nightmare some critics think it has. It has just taught me to be more careful.

• • •

I am a better boxer than Marciano and certainly on the basis of experience, there is no comparison. I have no plans for him in advance, if and when they make our fight. I just plan to be in the greatest shape of my career. I anticipate a tough, rough fight. I know he can hurt but he's human and he can be hurt, too.

For twelve rounds Walcott gave him a tremendous going over and it is remarkable that Rocky stood up under the beating he took. Then Joe got tired and careless and was knocked out. That, in my opinion, was the only tough major fight Rocky ever had.

There are no easy fights, ever. How well, I have learned that lesson in recent years!

Rocky Marciano will be far from an easy fight. I have never been a boastful guy nor have I ever made rash predictions about the outcome of any of my fights. I'm making no prediction now, either.

I am stating what I sincerely believe —that I think I can beat Rocky Marciano. I think I can be the first to get that heavyweight title back and will be thanking God for that second chance that nobody ever got before.

"LANGFORD IS FAIR FIGHTER"

(*Continued from page* 18)

for you to do, I told him. You can come down to my club and help keep it clean. I'm going to give you an extra quarter, Sam, I told him, and I'll give you and your dog a warm place to sleep to-night.

"For some unknown reason, Langford refused to accept the offer of the room. He wanted to sleep in the gym and I accommodated him. For three weeks he and his yaller dog had a home in that gym.

"Then came the chance for Sam. One of the boys in my preliminary bouts failed to show up and I asked Langford to go out and get me a substitute whom I named, and to my surprise, Sam replied:

'Why can't I fight for you, boss?'

"I couldn't put him in with a professional so I gave him fifty cents and told him to enter an amateur tournament with the promise that if I thought he looked good, I'd give him an opportunity to fight for my club as a pro. Well he made good with a vengeance. He knocked out every opponent he faced except one.

• • •

Like in the bootleg days of New York, the promoter often had the so-called amateurs fight six or ten rounds and that's what he did with Langford. He pitted him up against tough guys when he saw that Sam could hit and he made Langford fight a ten rounder against a fellow named Jim McCicker. The bout ended in a draw but after watching Sam's performance, I decided he was good enough to fight as a pro for me.

"So I arranged a semi-final match with him facing McCicker in a return bout, and this time Sam won his first pro fight by a knockout in the third round. I gave him $35 and didn't waste any time in telling him that from that point on I was his manager. And I remained with him for nineteen years during which he fought the ring's greatest in every division from lightweight up and rolled up a record of which any fighter could be proud."

There you have the story of Sam Langford's start in pugilism. From a lad with torn and tattered clothes, a homeless kid without friends or food, he climbed up the fistic ladder to fame and fortune. Though blind, he's happy in his little room in Boston. His friends have not forgotten him. He was delighted when he received word that his old boss, the man who started him on his fistic career, was to be honored by the Boxing Writers' Association.

SPONSOR REPLACES PROMOTER

(*Continued from page* 5)

there is the Ray Arcel production, also with a TV committment, that functions in a different city each week. The road, as Joe Jacobs and other managers knew it, is practically extinct. So too, are the so-called independant promoters. Promotion in boxing today is done on the scale of a buyer trust, with most of the field served up by the International Boxing Club.

The matchmakers are becoming less and less important. They are concerned mostly with making the preliminaries, matches that are never seen by the telefans. They have little to say so far as major bouts are concerned, particularly in the I.B.C., the Norris organization where all big business is done directly with Jim Norris. Others in the I.B.C. are brought into the picture only after Norris has closed the deal.

● ● ●

In place of the matchmakers are the vice presidents of the advertising agencies that represent the sponsors. They speak with authority since they are producing the revenue.

A recent Garden fight drew only $8,000, but when the $22,000 TV fee was added, Norris had a gross of $30,000. For that reason he must listen when the vice president of Buttons and Bows, Inc., for example, speaks his mind. The TV sponsor today is the real matchmaker and that's why there are so many unsatisfactory fights viewed on national TV hookups.

Usually, and quite naturally, the agency wants only name fighters on his show. Only champions and outstanding contenders will do. The vice-president never gives a thought about where the fighters of to-morrow are coming from. That is the promoter's business. So far the promoters have given little time to the problem, and fistic talent is slowly being dried up all over the country.

Perhaps that is what George Middleton, Randy Turpin's manager, had in mind when he said: "Boxing is dead in America." The TV blight has not struck England yet, and Jack Solomons' shows are not given to the public on video.

Some attempts have been made to control television. The Managers' Guild, through its control of the fighters, has limited nationally televised shows to four a week. Some fights have been shown on theatre-television only, where a fee could be charged. There has been talk of pay-as-you-go television, but the major problem remains. Where are the fighters coming from?

No one will contend that the interest in boxing is greater than ever. It is possible that more people saw an ordinary 10 rounder between Lulu Perez and Dave Gallardo at the Garden on New Year's night than witness any single Rickard promotion, not excepting the Dempsey-Tunney bouts in Philadelphia and Chicago. Boxing ranks high on every poll conducted by the television interests to determine the popularity of the various shows on the air.

Norris, operating in different cities in as many states, has not been too concerned with the powers of the various boxing commissions. He can always move on. If the New York Commission bans a fight, a fighter or a manager, the Michigan Commission will most likely welcome the bout for Detroit, and at the same time license the fighter and manager. In recent weeks a manager who is not licensed in New York has been seen Coast-to-Coast on TV seconding fighters in other cities. His name —you guessed it Blinky Palermo.

Even so it is doubtful if the powers of the commissions have waned. Rickard did not hesitate to take the first Dempsey-Tunney fight to Philadelphia when the New York Commission insisted Jack must defend the crown against Harry Wills. Jacobs did the same thing when he shifted the Louis-James J. Braddock bout to Chicago, although Braddock was signed to defend the heavyweight title in New York.

Norris did the same thing with Jersey Joe Walcott who refused to fight in New York because his manager was not in good standing with Commission. As a result, the Rocky Marciano-Walcott bouts took place in Philadelphia and Chicago.

By law the New York Commission is unable to join the National Boxing Association, and even if it could, such federation of commissions lacks real authority. The N.B.A. backed down recently after threatening to suspend Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight champion should he defend the title against a challenger other than Harold Johnson. Instead Moore fought Joey Maxim a third time at Miami. The agreement that New York has with the N.B.A. means little; Every state acts as it sees fit, to best benefit its state.

Every commissioner measures the success of his administration by the amount of tax money received by the state treasury. In that one respect boxing hasn't changed since Rickard's death. The basic code is still the Walker Law in New York, which has served as a model for all boxing laws in the United States.

● ● ●

Of course Rickard operated before radio and television. He died before the depression, and what would have happened had he lived, can never be determined. It is know he was severing his relations with the Garden at the time of the Sharkey-Scott fight. His death left the Garden in control of the heavyweight championship.

The heavyweight title has been the key to success for promoters down through the years. When Louis won the title from Braddock, the Garden promptly joined Jacobs. When Louis retired and Jacobs became ill, Norris made a deal with the champion to set up a successor. The result was the first Walcott-Ezzard Charles fight in Chicago.

Charles was never the commanding figure Dempsey was, nor did he enjoy Louis' popularity. Marciano, a good fighter and a fine champion, has yet to capture the imagination of the public as did his predecessors. Why this is so is not quite clear, but it is a factor in the present situation.

The approach to the entire fight game has changed. TV announcers are more concerned with selling their sponsors' products than they are in giving an accurate picture of boxing as a whole. Their approach is different than that of the sports writers, who report only on the abilities and faults of the boxers. The announcer must please a single advertiser. The sports writer has to think about his readers. Hence TV fans often are sold reports of fights that differ widely from the newspaper versions.

All this has happened in the last eights or nine years. It can be hoped that the change is for the best, and that the future will be as glorious as the past.

It is nice to remember that Rickard and Jacobs were great promoters, and that they had Dempsey, Louis, Benny Leonard and other great fighters to work with.

Norris' approach if different. He must promote two shows a week. He deals with a modern medium, and he must do the best he can with the fighters who are available. His job is to please his sponsors. If he can also please his patrons he's doubly happy. But the chief patronage these days is the sponsor. Norris doesn't have to worry about losses as did Rickard and Jacobs, TV assures Norris of a profit.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By Homer Amundsen

PAAVO KETONEN, Tacoma Boxing-Wrestling Promoter, and this column conductor, have opened a fine new gymnasium in downtown Tacoma.

Richie Reed, Tacoma, 156, who won his first pro start on a late boxing show here, will leave for Los Angeles, where the husky local lad hopes to take up residence and with some thought for ample ring action.

Mike McMurty, Tacoma, 190, and winner of Golden Gloves titles, won his college contest by a three round kayo on December 28th at the Sugar Bowl tournament in a meet between Idaho State College, and the University of Louisiana. Mike is a student at Idaho State.

Pat McMurty, Tacoma's sensational young heavyweight prospect, and the writer, were guests at the Seattle Man of the Year Banquet in Seattle' Olympic Hotel. 700 sports followers enjoyed the dinner and program, which is sponsored yearly by the Seattle Post Intelligencer.

MIDDLEWEST NEWS

By Harold Walsh

JOE MAXIM, the former light-heavyweight champion, will not retire from the ring following his defeat to Champion Archie Moore in Miami. Joe and manager Jack Kearns were greatly disappointed at Maxim's showing but Joe will be back on the barnstorming route again.

Ronnie Delaney, Akron middleweight, returns to the wars after a year's absence. Delaney who has lost only one start in fifty off professional fights has been in training several weeks and will now campaign as a middleweight under the management of Harry Hirsh of Akron.

Tommy Maxwell, after a ten year absence as a promoter staged a fine show in Akron, Ohio, Jackie Blair, Joe Basco's Dallas featherweight defeated Davey Moore of Chicago, the 1952 Olympic champion. Blair was the unanimous winner of referee Eddie Atlas and both judges. Eddie Crawford defeated Bob Keeling of Cincinnati in the eighth round semi-final.

THE GAMEST FIGHTING MAN

(*Continued from page* 38)

a fast clip and the bout didn't end until the fortieth round!

Nelson continued to fight after losing the title but he never again was the Battler whose contests with Joe Gans and Wolgast were ring epics. Gans broke his rib and Wolgast broke his heart, yet the Dane wouldn't give up.

BOXING HALL OF FAME

(*Continued from page* 12)

of five definitive and final;—

Heavyweight:—Jack Dempsey, Jim Jeffries, Joe Louis, Jim Corbett, and John L. Sullivan.
Light-Heavy:—Bob Fitzsimmons, Kid McCoy, Jack Dillon, Phila. Jack O'Brien, and Georges Carpentier.
Middleweight:—Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb, Frank Klaus, Billy Papke, and Mickey Walker.
Welterweight:—Joe Walcott, Mysterious Billy Smith, Jack Britton, Ted (Kid) Lewis, and Ray Robinson.
Lightweight:—Benny Leonard, Joe Gans, Packey McFarland, Freddie Welsh, and Battling Nelson.
Featherweight:—Terry McGovern, Abe Attell, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, and Jem Driscoll.
Bantamweight:—George Dixon, Pete Herman, Memphis Pal Moore, Joe Lynch, and Kid Williams.
Flyweight:—Jimmy Wilde, Pancho Villa, Frankie Genaro, Fidel LaBarba, and Benny Lynch.

● ● ●

IT might be argued that Sullivan does not belong, and Fitzsimmons should be rated with the heavies. There will be strong support for Gene Tunney as a highly eligible candidate.

However, in a general way the lists appear to be quite satisfactory, and certainly qualified bases for discussion.

Is Dempsey to be picked over Louis, over Jeffries, over John L.? Was Gans better than Leonard, and Mc Govern better than Attell?

These are just a few of the questions which will come up when the voting gets under way.

In the meantime, the big objective is to get this project started, to make it an existing thing rather than merely a dream.

It is hoped that the Hall of Fame will be international in its scope, in its interest, and eminently just in its designations.

The sport is our oldest. It has boasted so many greats. It's history is so rich in romance, and in nostalgic impetuses.

There is utterly no reason why the boxing Hall of Fame should not grow into one of world sport's most dramatic Pantheons.

RATINGS

(*Continued from page* 15)

scored Charley Humphrey, 8. Johnny Brown whipped Andy Brown, 8.

Bozo Costantino beat Reggie Alotta, 8. Coogan Brown halted Keith Saunders, 1. Billy Lauderdale defeated Fitzie Pruden, 8. Terry Ratcliffe edged out Bobby Johnson, 8. Richie Howard whipped Tommy Bazzano, 8, and Frankie Fresse, 8. Dick Kerber kayoed Jimmy Perrault, 4. George Happe whipped Peter Fallon, 8. Chris Christensen edged out Jean Ruellet, 8.

Don Jordan upset Andy Escobar, 10. Johnny Fish drew with Ronnie Gill, 8. Agustin Villafane kayoed Baby Tigre, 4.

Chi Chi Martinez scored over Tote Martinez, 10. Oscar Pita beat Alfonso Moreno, 12. Johnny Eubanks defeated Roger Whynott, 10.

Jose M. Valdes drew with Eduardo Moyano, 10. Jimmy Carlini defeated Johnny Cooke, 8. Al Frias kayoed Vince Brown, 3, but was stopped by Al Mayne, 3. Fredrico Guerra drew with Orlando Astorga, 10.

Turkish Champion Garbis Zacharyan laced Brahim le Jeune, 10. Ralph Giordano decisioned Johnny Darby, 8. Manuel Martinez beat Jose M. Gatica, 10. Al Berry beat Jackie Richards, 6.

Tommy Maddox and Frankie Betts split a pair of 8 rounders. Frankie Ippolito beat Jacques Julien, 6. Al Certisimo kayoed Don Cheatum, 3. Barry Allison defeated Reggie Martina, 6.

Tony Budwin beat Jacques Julien, 6. Antonio Monzon halted Jose Seugra, 7. Eddie Prince beat Bruce Foote, 6. Billy Hartman kayoed Ronnie Miline, 5.

Gene LeBlanc stopped Buddy Cochran, 3. French Champion Idrissa Dione flattened Charles Dhery, 5, and Ziyaris Taki, 1. Taki whipped Edouard Adjemian, 10.

Jacques Dugenie thrashed Gilbert Ussin, 10. Portugese Champion Raphael DaSylva outscored Rene Lacaze, 10.

Dixon Hoxey kayoed Bobby Doll, 1. Manuel Castillo kayoed Chic Boucher, 3. Johnny Busso defeated Rocky Sullivan, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Jimmy Carter won a ten round decision over Billy Lauderdale in a non-title bout. George Araujo outfought George Monroe, 10.

Armand Savoie defeated Houston Brown, 10. Joe Brown and Charlie Smith "No Contest," 6. Referee halted bout.

Glen Flanagan whipped Bobby Bickle, 10. Freddy Herman was stopped by welterweight Carmine Fiore, 3.

Duilio Loi won the European title by outpointing Jorgen Johansen, 15, but Jorgen defeated Laouari, Godin, 10. Ivor Germain defeated Augustin Argote, 12.

Cisco Andrade defeated Carlos Chavez, 10. Bobby Woods kayoed Stanley Sequeira, 4. Larry Mujica drew with Nicola Funari, 10. Funari kayoed Jimmy Burns, 2.

Lalo Gallardo whipped Enrique Esqueda, 10. Santiago Esteban defeated Brian Kelly, 10. Boland Abrams defeated Cortez Jackson, 8. Baby Vazquez defeated Chucho Ruiz, 10.

Dennis Pat Brady outscored Ben Miloud, 10. Charley Dunn kayoed Jimmy Reeves, 4. Graham Holmes upset Augie Salzar, 10. Damasco Collazo outscored Bobby Fenty, 8.

Pat Mallane kayoed Willie Brown, 1, and Harry LaSane, 1. Jimmy Grow defeated Joey Maldonodo, 10. Tommy Marciano defeated Harry Deputy, 8. Frankie Ryff beat Guillermo Roberts, 8.

Young Layton kayoed Snowy Cullen, 2. Felix Redondo beat Mel Brown, 8. Ron Stribling halted Billy Wagner, 7, but lost to Bobby Bell, 8. Vince Matute kayoed Felipe Blanco, 2.

Jimmy Soo defeated Earl Clemons, 8, and stopped Billy Francis, 3. Jose Balbi defeated Porfirio Cabrera, 10. John Barns kayoed Kenny Lane, 1. Bobby English defeated Al Duarte, 8.

Benny Meeks drew with Elwood Davis, 6. John Cobb edged Ralph Cervantes, 5. Rocky Randell kayoed Buddy Fraizer, 3, and beat Ralph Capone, 6. Manuel Renteria whipped Babe Mathis, 6.

Rocky Leone beat Merril Olmstead, 6. Frankie Sequiera kayoed Loronzo Garcia, 3. Larry Boardman stopped Johnny Guberia, 6, and beat Rocky Randell, 6. Al Hunter beat Kenny Davis, 6.

Dexter Connors drew with Sammy Fortuno, 6. Buddy Evatt halted Babe Mathis, 5. Vince Affinito decisioned featherweight Alan Ritchie, 10.

Nur Mohammed defeated Gene Johnson, 6. Ralph Capone beat George LaMalza, 8. Cortez Jackson scored over Earl Hilton 4. Henry Brown kayoed Duke Presley, 2.

Billy Lynch kayoed Eddie Walters, 2. Marvin Smith defeated Lorenzo Alonzo, 6 (twice). Jimmy DeMura drew with Tommy Corrick, 6.

Carmen Bartolomeo kayoed Billy Bandsford, 2. Svend Wad trounced Augustin Ussin, 6. Giancarlo Garbelli outfought Franco Rosini, 10.

Jacques Dumesnil edged out Louis Carrara, 10. Jo Janssens relieved Ray Souply of Belgian title, 12. Walter Brown kayoed Jose Ramos, 5.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Willie Pep outclassed David Seabrooke, 10. Percy Bassett kayoed Francis Bonnardel, 9, and French Champion Mohammed Chickaoui, 3. Bonnardel and Chickaoui had previously boxed draw, 10.

Teddy Davis defeated Jose Morrell, 10. Baby Oritz outpointed Manuel Rivera, 10. Humberto Carrillo beat Martin Rodriguez, 10 and drew with Jose Gonzalez, 10.

Jackie Blair defeated Davey Moore, 10. Tommy Tibbs scored a big upset by defeating Harold Gomes, 10. Art Mullin defeated Kenny Adams, 8. Adams kayoed Young Saint, 4. Frankie Sodano beat Jimmy DeMura, 8, and Marvin Dick, 10.

Al Cruz outpointed bantamweight Billy Peacock, 10. Gustavo Rivera beat Cesar Saavedra, 10.

Vic Ponce kayoed Sammy Serrano, 1. Martin Rodriquez kayoed Pepe Montes, 4. Bruce Cole outpointed Jim Shackleton, 12. Felipe Sosa defeated Manual Luna, 10 (twice). Jose Sarro drew with Rafael Amaya, 10.

Shigeki Kaneko retained Orient title by kayoing Larry Bataan, 4. Julio Escobedo beat Luis Contreras, 10. Eddie Lockett kayoed Don McCormies, 1 and beat Junior Best, 6.

Kid Campeche outpointed Panchito Silva, 10. Jose Cotero drew with Reuben Smith, 10. Gerard Pino drew with Alfredo Ramirez, 10. Ramirez then beat Blas Conde, 10.

Joey Gambino whipped Georgie Abarca, 6. Pedro Miranda defeated Ramon Stronati, 10. Johnny Lemmons whipped Bobby Courchesne, 8. Bobby then kayoed Gus Rivers, 2.

Enrico Macale decisioned Mario Posca, 8, but lost to Sergio Caprari, 10. Tommy Bain kayoed Willie Clark, 1, and beat Larry Mullins, 6. Jacques Bataille edged out Louis van Hoeck, 10. Billy Evans upset Jimmy Roybal, 6.

Candy Lopez kayoed Mickey McGuire, 4. Alan Ritchie lost to lightweight Vince Affinito, 10. Nick DeVanno defeated George Stephany, 6. George was also stopped by Vinnie Ricco, 3.

Carmelo Costa defeated Herky Kaminsky, 4. Bobby Henry stopped Jimmy Kinnard, 3. Al Smith defeated Young Wills, 6 (twice).

Pedro Paris flattened Jesus Torralba, 2. Marcel Ranvial iced Joao Monteiro, 5. Sergio Milan drew with Juan Alvarez, 10. Ali Martucci drew with Marcelino Molina, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

American champion Billy Peacock lost to featherweight Al Cruz, 10, then was relieved of his title when he was stopped by former Olympic champ Nate Brooks, 8.

Raton Macias defeated Alberto Reyes, 10. Manuel Armenteros defeated Lino Botello, 10.

Canadian champion Fernando Gagnon retained his title by kayoing Joe Edwards, 5. Peter Keenan beat Robert Meunier, 8.

Fili Nava upset Beto Couary, 10. Johnny Gleeson outpointed flyweight Teddy Rainbow, 12.

Pedro Garcia halted Baby Lopez, 2. Casey Jones beat Cleo Lane, 6. Jose Lopez beat Trini Ruiz, 10.

Clem A'Court edged out Jimmy Cardew, 8. Unbeaten Hilaire Pratesi scored his 15th straight pro victory by decisioning Robert Meunier, 8.

Junior Best lost to featherweight Eddie Lockett, 6. Piero Rollo halted Cosimo Pezzuro, 6. Belgian Champion Pierre Cossemyns trounced Willibald Koch, 10, and Tino Cardinale, 10.

Young Wills lost to featherweight Al Smith, 6 (twice). Jacques Colomb whipped Jean Kidy, 10. Maxime Cochin decisioned Marcel Mathieu, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Jackie Sporgeon defeated Jackie Herrera, 6. Dai Dower whipped Ogli Tetty, 8.

Pascual Perez kayoed Hernan Rojas, 2. Teddy Rainbow lost to bantamweight Johnny Gleeson, 12.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

SANTIAGO Esteban, Los Angeles, Cal., junior welterweight, made his local debut winning a close but popular decision over Brian Kelly, Niagara Falls, Ont. in the feature ten round bout.

Referee Peter Giaruso scored it six rounds for Esteban, four for Kelly. Judge Tony Amato voted six heats for Esteban and four for Brian. Judge Phil Gaffney balloted seven rounds for Esteban and three for Kelly.

Only 1742 fans turned out to pay a net gate of $2753.02. Esteban weighed 139¾ pounds, Kelly 138¼ pounds.

In the six round semifinal, Johnny Capitano, 141, pounded out a decision over sidewheeler Al Villafara, 141½.

Aldo Mente, 139½, Brooklyn, N. Y., Italian, making his professional debut, punched out a four decision over local Vincent Bonomo, 139¼.

Al Boudreaux, Westwego, La., 153½, and Pete A'Costa, New Orleans, 150¾, fought to a four round draw. In the opening four rounder, Billy Cooper, Pensacola, Fla., 138½, kayoed Jose Hernandez, Puerto Rico.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

(*Continued from page* 21)

with Max Waxman, they were all flops.

Walcott has become co-manager of an army heavyweight, Jersey Jack Leonard, with Walter Matweychuck. Leonard comes from Philadelphia and has an excellent record in service bouts. Jersey Joe watched him train and thinks he is a fine prospect.

Leonard has been discharged from the Army and will shortly get his baptism of fire under Walcott's guidance.

Incidentally Walcott is considering going to Europe to engage in a few matches. Though it was generally understood that he would hang up his gloves after the Chicago fiasco, in a statement issued on what he declared was his fortieth birthday, he said:

"I'm only forty despite reports that I'm an old man, and I'm not too old to continue boxing if I choose to do so I don't know about life beginning at forty, but I feel wonderful and am confident that there are a number of top heavyweights in Europe with whom I can draw well and give a good account of myself. I never officially announced my retirement. That was done by the newspaper men without my knowledge.

"I was so disgusted after my last fight with Marciano that I didn't know what to say or do. But now I have had time to think it over and nothing would suit me better than to tackle Marciano again. It's no disgrace to lose but sometimes, as in this case, it is very disappointing to lose. It was a heart breaking defeat but when I consider the number of excellent fights in which I engaged and my many victories, I'm not ashamed of my fine record. Yes, I may return to the ring."

For the sake of boxing, I hope Joe doesn't attempt a comeback. He is too old to make a comeback and will go the way of all others who have attempted it. Joe should let good enough go. There definitely is no demand for his comeback and less for another bout with Rocky Marciano.

● ● ●

The sensational manner in which Johnny Williams knocked out Gerhard Hecht, light heavyweight champion of Germany in the second round of their bout at Berlin, not only placed Johnny back in the British heavy picture despite the fact he had a seventeen pounds advantage, but gave British boxing a lift. With Williams and Cockell, England's leading heavyweights in top form again, fisticuffs in the British Isles is on the upgrade. Unfortunately, through an oversight, Williams' name was omitted in our annual listing of world boxers where we had him down to head the second group, number eleven in world ratings.

Unlike his lackadaisical performance against Cockell for which he lost prestige, Williams went after Hecht savagely and ended the bout in a jiffy after giving the German a shellacking. It was unlike William's previous fights and augers well for his future. The victories of Johnny and Don are what British boxing needed to perk up the game.

● ● ●

There are signs that Harold Johnson, Number One contender for light heavyweight honors, will be shunted to the side lines again by Charley Johnston. Everything that has been said and done in recent weeks point to that. Every effort has been made since the Johnson-Slade fight to belittle Harold. Yet he has himself to blame. With the stakes high, Harold should have gone all out to prove his right to top position among contenders.

True he failed to impress against Slade, a spoiler of the first order. But what other lightheavyweights and heavies have fared better against Jimmy.

Those who are eager to put Johnson aside, will undoubtedly succeed because neither the N.B.A. officials nor the New York Commission seem over-eager to enforce their rules relative to leading challengers getting the opportunity to fight for a crown. The International Boxing Guild today apparently is the ruling organization of American boxing and not the commissions.

A BIT ABOUT BROOKLYN

(*Continued from page* 23)

champion, the spectacular Terry McGovern.

Like Dempsey and McAuliffe, McGovern was an "adopted" son. Born in Johnstown, Pa., he was six months old when his family moved to the Red Hook district of Brooklyn. In that rugged neighborhood, a kid had to learn early how to handle his fists, and Terry was well endowed with natural talent. He was 16, and weighing 105 pounds, when he entered his first amateur tourney in 1896, and become an immediate sensation by scoring eleven successive knockouts in a three-night meet. McGovern didn't remain long in the simon pures. He was too good for the opposition, and shortly after celebrating his 17th birthday he turned professional. In less than three years he slugged his way to two world titles. First, in 1899, he settled the dispute over the bantam laurels by flattening the English claimant, Pedlar Palmer, in one round at Tuckahoe, N. Y. Early the following year he moved up into featherweight competition and won the title by disposing of George Dixon in eight stanzas at the old Broadway Club in New York. That same year, in a handicap match, McGovern knocked out the lightweight champion, Frank Erne, in eight rounds in New York, but Erne's title was not at stake, since Frank had contracted to make a "special" weight for the bout. Joe Gans, destined to succeed Erne as lightweight boss, also was a victim of McGovern's lusty punching that year. Gans was stopped in the third round in Chicago, but the fight was looked upon with suspicion by local authorities and left such a sour aftermath that boxing was outlawed in the Windy City.

McGovern's decline began in 1901 when a comparative unknown, Young Corbett of Denver, scored a startling two-round knockout over him in Hartford, Conn. It was the first time McGovern had been beaten. By way of proving it was no accident, Corbett flattened Terry again two years later, this time in the eleventh session in San Francisco. Terry faded steadily from then on, but continued to fight until 1908, when a couple of pathetic showings against Young Loughrey in Philadelphia and Spike Robson in New York convinced him it was time to call quits.

Early in 1918, McGovern collapsed while refereeing solder bouts at Camp Upton, Long Island. Rushed to his home, he died a few days later of pneumonia. Terry was only 38 when the final count was tolled over him.

(The next and concluding chapter of the series will cover Champions Al McCoy, Eddie [Cannonball] Martin and Lou Salica, as well as other outstanding fighters developed through the years in Brooklyn.)

IT'S ON THE RECORD BOOK

(*Continued from page* 37)

(Page 68). But why go on. There are scores of more compilations on every phase of the sport. And the best way to believe that you get all this—and more—is to see it—and the best way to see it is to buy it.

Another book within this giant-sized book is a section devoted to the complete records—over 320—of world, American and junior champions, in addition to title claimants and old timers in all divisions. This is the first time since the first three All-Time volumes (1942, 1943, 1944), now collector's items, that The Ring is publishing the almost unattainable records of great old time fighters.

As usual the major portion of The Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia of Boxing is given over to the records of active fighters all over the world. More than 3,000 records of fighters who had three or more bouts during 1953 are listed. It is divided into two sections, the first some 350 pages of fighters of North and South America, and the second, about 170 pages of records of fighters active in the British Isles, Continental Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

The book is rounded out by the world directories of fight managers and promoters, listing the addresses and telephone numbers of over one thousand of them.

But let us not forget that a special section, the Portfolio of Champions, is also in the book, a sixteen page album in light green, giving a graphic shot of each world champion and a scene of the fight in which he won his title.

It's the only book of its kind on boxing. A volume you can't afford to miss. But remember that the edition is very limited and—even as you read this now—copies are selling fast. Order now and don't be disappointed.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

(*Continued from page* 41)

Yorkville, decisioned Braxton Reed, 135, North Borneo; Homer Turner, 201½, Jamaica, outmauled George Washington, 210, Brooklyn, and a couple of one-round kayos were registered by Bill Keener, 190½, East Side, who polished off Bill Coffey, 198, Bronx, at 2:43, and Jimmy Clemente, 164, East Side, who needed seven seconds longer to dispose of Julio Gonzales, 159, Puerto Rico.

Giving non-TV operations another whirl, after two earlier discouragements and a seven-weeks layoff, White Plains Country Center drew a sparse gathering with a modest card topped by Frankie Ryff, 136, and Guillermo Roberts, 133¼, Cuba. The poor turnout represented another financial loss to the promoters, and the club's future assumed a dubious outlook. Though rated one of the better young ringmen hereabouts, Ryff doesn't fight very often; this was his first start in eight months and only his tenth in nearly three years of pro campaigning. He was too shifty for Roberts, however, and won easily in eight. Fellow-Bronxites also did all right for themselves in supporting numbers, with a winning three-for-three score. One was in the semi-final six, Frank Ippolito, 140, punching out a decision over Jacques Julien, 137, France. The other two were in fours, Johnny Sheehan, 129½, winning from Frankie Parillo, 125½, East Side, and Egray Riley, 172, whipping Freddie Wilson, 177, Harlem. In remaining fours, Edmong George, 158½, Brooklyn, had the bette. of Jimmy Doxie, 162½, Charleston, S. C.; Felix Montenegro, 136, France, drew with Bernie Lynn, 141, Jamaica, and Cleo Ortiz, 125½, Cuba, was credited with the only knockout of the night when Nathan Sermond, 126½, East Side, retired with an injured hand at 2:20 of the second.

An obvious mismatch produced its expected easy victory for Vince Martinez, 149¾, Paterson, when an outclassed Rocky Casillo, 150, Blue Island, Ill., was not permitted to come out for the fourth round in Madison Square Garden. Casillo was entirely too slow, too crude and too easy to hit, and the speedy, sharpshooting Martinez needed only a round and a half to find it out. Realizing he had a soft touch in front of him, the Patersonian went to work late in the second, and battered Casillo to the canvas twice, the bell saving Rocky on his second trip down. Martinez continued his blasting in the third, and Casillo paid two more visits to the floor. At the end of the round, Referee Ruby Goldstein called in Dr. Vincent Nardiello, and after checking Casillo's condition the medico advised a halt in the uneven affair. In sixes, Phil Rizzo, 158¾, Brooklyn, whipped a Casillo stablemate, Nino (King) Solomon, 162, Chicago; Nur Mohamed, 136, India, outscuffled Gene Johnson, 138, Harlem, and Richie James, 170½, Philadelphia, survived an early knockdown to stop Elmo Lincoln, 171½, Newark, at 1:08 of the fifth. In fours, Carmelo Costa, 128½, Brooklyn, outpointed Herky Kaminsky, 126½, Pittsburgh; Cortez Jackson, 136, won from a fellow Philadelphian, Earl Hilton, 133, and Ray Portilla, 130½, whipped a rival Bronxite, George Seabrook, 128¼. Attendance 5,108; gross gate $17,194.

In his 15th pro bout, and first start as a main eventer, 22-year-old Tommy Jackson, 194½, Far Rockaway, hustled and bustled a flabby, ringworn Rex Layne, 202, Lewiston, Utah, into exhaustion and defeat at 1:44 of the sixth at Eastern Parkway. Ponderous Layne lacked the speed and stamina to keep pace with the industrious Jackson, and he began to fade after two rounds. From then on, nonstop Jackson, throwing gloves in wholesale lots, swarmed all over Layne, and set such a sizzling pace that the Utahan was stumbling wearily by the end of the fifth. Utterly spent, Layne was little more than a punching bag for Jackson in the sixth, and after he had twice collapsed to the canvas from Tommy's ceaseless battering, Referee Mark Conn intervened. In the semi-final eight, another up-and-coming youngster, Burt Whitehurst, 192½, Baltimore—the only fighter to beat Jackson—scored a pair of knockdowns in slugging out a decision over Sylvester Jones, 215, Newark. Clem Florio, 161, Ozone Park, won from Cobey McCluskey, 153, Halifax, in six. In fours, Frank Flood, 180, Pueblo, Colo., whipped Jessie Burrell, 205, Jamaica, and Jimmy Relish, 176, Long Island City, drew with Cliff Hess, 173½, Bronx.

In getting a split, unpopular decision over Jimmy Slade, 182, Harlem, in a drab ten at St. Nicholas Arena, Harold Johnson, 178½, Philadelphia, looked to be anything but the No. 1 challenger for the world light-heavyweight title. The Philadelphian comported himself as though he was giving a mild shadow-boxing exhibition. He was listless, inoffensive and punch-shy. The awkward but willing Slade accounted for what little action was injected into the dull proceedings. Jimmy at least tried to fight but found Johnson most un-cooperative, and could make little headway against the Philadelphian's cautious, defensive tactics. The only damage suffered by either fighter was to Johnson's prestige and titular aspirations. A lively supporting card helped to supply some of the action missing in the main event. Damasco Collazo, 136, Cuba, outfought Bobby Fenty, 133, Brooklyn, in a fast-punching semi-final eight. Eddie Prince, 149, Poughkeepsie, was a bit too shifty for Bruce Foote, 152½, Rochester, in six. In fours, Frank Flood, 179¼, Pueblo, Colo., won from Jesse Burrell, 206, Brooklyn; Mike Colucci, 146¼, Corona, hustled out a decision over Carlin Scott, 148, Bronx, and Abe Walden, 150¾, Youngstown, O., sugged on even terms with Johnny Webster, 154¼, Brooklyn.

The liveliest action produced by Johnny Saxton, 149½, Brooklyn, and Roland (Mickey) Laurent, 150, France, in their scheduled ten at Eastern Parkway developed among the spectators after Referee Ray Miller had halted the one-sided affair in Saxton's favor at 1:58 of the seventh. Despite Laurent's ineptness, the fans apparently wanted things to continue, and they swarmed to the ringside in such menacing fashion that police had to escort Miller to his dressing room. Though he boasted a 9½-pound weight advantage, Laurent was too slow and clumsy for the fast-punching Saxton. The Frenchman was game and fought stubbornly all the way, but was weakening perceptibly from Saxton's methodical two-handed combinations when the referee decided he'd had enough. The semi-final, listed for six, ended at 2:27 of the second with Waddell Hanna, 175½, Philadelphia, stopping Jimmy Walls, 186, Englewood, N. J. Joey Gambino, 125, Astoria, edged out George Abraca, 124¾, Bronx, in another six.

With the assistance of the State Athletic Commission's rule which calls for a bout to end automatically when one fighter is knocked down three times in any one round, Joey Giardello, 157½, Philadelphia, posted a quick victory over Walter Cartier, 161, Greenwich Village, in Madison Square Garden. Although Cartier seemed strong and able to continue, and the round had only twelve seconds to go, Referee Harry Kessler had no alternative but to call a halt at 2:48 of the first when Walter hit the canvas for the third time. There was no arguing against the authenticity of the first knockdown—a lusty right to the jaw sent Cartier sprawling on his back—but the second and third ones were momentary affairs and each time Cartier, apparently unhurt, jumped to his feet immediately. It was an unsatisfactory ending to what had been an exciting, free-punching brawl. Giardello started pegging bombs from the opening bell, but found Cartier a willing mixer. Between knockdowns, Walter did some effective punching himself. In the semi-final, cut from eight to six because of TV time, Al Hunter, 131 Harlem, repeated a previous decision over Kenny Davis, 127½, Los Angeles. Promising Ray Drake, 159½, Far Rockaway, squared away his only defeat in ten pro starts by whipping Angelo Urgitano, 159½, East Side, in six. Danny Rubino, 158¾, Hoboken, won from Bobby Moore, 161, Newark, in another six. In fours, Ernie Step, 159, Brooklyn, drew with Rudy Watkins, 157, Baltimore; Jimmy Clemente, 161, East Side, whipped Curtis Bruce, 160½, Newark, and Abe Walden, 149, Youngstown, O., stopped Johny Webster, 152½, Brooklyn, at 1:40 of the fourth. Attendance 4,851; gross gate $13,378.

In his ninth professional bout, and going beyond six rounds for the first time, 1952 Olympic flyweight Champion Nate Brooks, 116¾, Cleveland, grabbed the North American bantam title by stopping Billy Peacock, 117, Los Angeles, at the end of the eighth at Eastern Parkway. Displaying a nimble pair of legs and a snappy left hand, the 20-year-old Brooks out-classed Peacock from the start. By the third round, Billy was bleeding from a gash over his left eye, his right optic was badly swollen, and claret trickled from his nose. In the eighth, Brooks floored Peacock with a right to the chin. As the Californian stumbled to his feet, Nate hooked two lefts to the body, then smashed a resounding right to the jaw that sent Peacock flat on his back as the bell ended the round. Referee Petey Scalzo called in Dr. Samuel Swetnick, and after checking Peacock's condition, the medico recommended the affair be halted. In a preliminary bout, Nate's brother, Paulie, 135¼, gave the family a perfect score for the night by whipping Frederico Escalera, 140, Puerto Rico, in four.

ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE

By Johnny Seubert

WITH boxing snapping back into action thru the medium of the first actually direct televised boxing cards ever produced in Albuquerque, the Albuquerque Regional Golden Gloves roared through a hectic four night stand at the KGGM studios and produced some of the hottest, most closely contested amateur bouts seen here in many a moon.

A total of 44 bouts were fought over the four night stand. The Ring Magazine and the writer jointly express their congratulations for the bang-up jobs they respectively performed. Final night results and City Champions are as follows:

Open Class:

160 lbs. Robert Day, Sandia Base, TKO'd Frank Romero, VFW, 2:25 2nd round. 147 lbs. Joe Louis Murphy, KGGM, decisioned Willie Davis, Kirtland AFB.

135 lbs. Paul Stein, KGGM, decisioned Roland Thomas, Kirtland, AFB. 126 lbs. Ed Urioste, KGGM, split-decisioned Ray Edwards, Sandia Base.

118 lbs. Benny Coca, KGGM, TKO'd John Grace, Kirtland AFB, 3rd round. 112 lbs. Vince Gallegos, VFW, decisioned Eliseo Chavairre, Kirtland.

Heavyweight. Wm. Nethen, Kirtland AFB, won uncontested.

Sub-Novice: champions as follows: 160 lb. Class. Andy Ortiz. 147 lb. Class. Adam Gallegos. 135 lb. Class. Eddie Eastland. 118 lb. Class. Ricardo Chavez. 112 lb. Class. Gilbert Griego. Ray B. Floyd, Sandia Base, took the Heavyweight Division title uncontested as also did Austin Harris in the 126 lb. Class.

The State Finals go at Roswell February 11 to 13th. The writer's address is 712 Wellesley Dr., N.E.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS NEWS

By Don Hamill

JOHNNY LEMONS, 127, Stamford, Conn., scored a surprise eight round decision over Bobby Courchesne, 127, Chicopee, by befuddling the youngster with a dazzling display of fancy punching and footwork.

Jimmy Walls, 191, Englewood, N. J., sen Allen Williams, 193, Norwalk, Conn., to the canvas for the count in the second round. Nick Devanno, 126, Norwich, Conn., won the duke in his six round rubber match with George Stephany, 125½, Brooklyn, N. Y. In the best fight of the night, Billy (Kid) Clark, 140, Westfield, battled to a draw with Jackie McKenna, 135, York, Pa., in a four spot. Young Sharkey, 138½, Holyoke, repeated a previous win by belting out Bobby Lenois, 138½, Worcester, in the first round. Johnny Cox, 157, Brooklyn, registered a win over Leroy Faison, 164, New York, in the four round opener.

Sammy Walker, 159, Springfield, returned to the Valley Arena battle-pit to stop Willie Coleman, 154, Atlantic City, N. J., in the seventh round of the scheduled eight round feature.

Barry Allison, 146, Westover Field, looked good in tossing a licking into Reggie Martina, 142, Wheeling, W. Va., in the six round semi-final. Jimmy Bell, 204, Washington, D. C., scored a three round kayo over Richie Norton, 190, Stamford, Conn. Johnny Cox, 158, Brooklyn, decisioned Joe Cosmo, 150½, New York, in a four spot. Eddie Demars, 170, Springfield, rallied to take a win over Jimmy Doxie, 165, New York, in another four. Sam Brown, 165, Hartford, needed less than a round to annihilate Bob Maloney, 158, Springfield.

Art Mullen, 122½, Philadelphia, scored a lop-sided eight round decision over Kenny Adams, 123½, Norwich, Conn., in the bout that topped a March of Dimes benefit boxing show.

Bobby Courchesne, 126, Chicopee, got back into the win column when he scored a clean kayo over Gus Rivera, 124½, Mexico, in the second round of the eight round co-feature. Vinnie Ricco, 127, Hartford, slammed George Stephany, 128, Brooklyn, into dreamland, with a second round kayo. Young Sharkey, 139, Holyoke, stopped Danny Roberts, 138½, Newark, N. J., in the third of a four rounder. Billy Lynch, 138½, Hartford, needed two rounds to dispose of his opponent, Tommy Holsten, 138½, Brooklyn. Leo Houle, 132, Holyoke, celebrated a victory in his pro debut by outscoring Freddy Gonzales, 130½, New York, in the curtain raiser of four stanzas.

THE MICHIGAN WILDCAT

(*Continued from page* 27)

That southpaw stance puzzled me. I couldn't get going. And every time he looked at me, I wasn't sure where he was going to attack because he is so cross-eyed. He got me all tangled up, that's all I can say. Figure out the rest for yourself," he concluded.

The champ was piqued. He had taken a bad lacing. One of his eyes was almost closed. But he had saved his title in that terrific slugging bee and all because K.O. Brown thought he was being fooled by Wolgast's grogginess.

Though he fought frequently after that bout, never again did Ad show the fighting spirit he displayed against the Durable Dane and KO Brown. He didn't pick any easy shots, for almost every opponent after the Ritchie battle, was a headliner. Among the top men he faced were Harlem Tommy Murphy, Knockout Brown, Packey Hommey, Leach Cross, Joe Mandot, Freddy Welsh, Joe Azevedo, Charlie White, Battling Nelson, again; Rudy Unholz, Cy Smith, Rocky Kansas, Joe Welling, California Frankie Nurns, Ever Hammer, and Frankie Callahan. What an array of lightweights!

● ● ●

Just before we entered World War Number One, Wolgast was declared mentally incompetent by a court in Milwaukee and his wife, suing for divorce, was the chief witness against him. She hold how he was squandering a fortune of more than $300,000.

The court gave him a chance. It was decided to give him a goat gland operation and so well did that make him, that three years later Ad tried upon a comeback. He was released from custody and fought Lee Morrissey in San Bernardino, Calif., but the exhibition was so devoid of color and he was hissed and booed and that ended his fistic career.

Two years later, penniless and helpless, a mental wreck, he again was taken into custody and this time his friend Jack Doyle, a California promoter, pleaded with the court to make Ad a ward of the fight promoter who staged a huge benefit to provide funds for his support. He lived off that fund for many years. He worked out daily in Doyle's gymnasium for what he termed would be a comeback, but Doyle had ordered that no one was to box with him.

"Let him continue to shadow box and punch the bag and do his road work, but no one is to hit him with a boxing glove," were Doyle's instructions.

The folks kept telling Ad what he wanted to hear, that he was the best lightweight in the world and that helped a lot to keep up his spirit. Jim Jeffries, Tommy Ryan, Jack Root, Tom Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Joe Rivers—they all frequently spoke with Ad and patting him on the back, told him he was the greatest.

● ● ●

But it finally ended. Wolgast kept walking about like a somnambulist, viewing the world through dazed eyes which looked only into the past. He was determined on a comeback. He wanted to regain the title. He kept telling of his fights with Nelson and Ritchie and often he forgot he no longer was the champion for the mist of the years had blurred his memory and he graciously condescended to accept the adulation which he believed was his just due. That continued until something snapped.

His memory was shattered. He never became violent but he was somewhat dangerous and the time had arrived when he no longer could be permitted to mingle with the public. He had to be confined for self protection.

He would go through his gym workout and threatened to punch anyone who dared cross him. He demanded action. When no one would accept the challenge to box with him, he would tear loose and become wild.

Once while doing road work he was knocked down by an automobile. So it finally became necessary to put him away again, this time to be confined for the rest of his life. He had reached a point where he was broken in everything but spirit, a victim of the ring game and all its trappings, doomed to semi-individualism for the remainder of his days.

With the funds collected for his benefit, all gone, his friend Doyle, had him committed to a California State Institution and there, he continued day after day to follow the same procedure—to train for a comeback. He did everything but the road work. His confinement precluded that.

The guards didn't interfere but those in his ward did. They mocked him. They made life miserable as they termed him a punch-drunk, crazy fighter, though they, like him, were suffering from hallucinations.

● ● ●

On one occasion I tried to pay him a visit with the famous California writer, Harry Smith, but we couldn't gain admission due to a late arrival. But we did have a chance to discuss Ad's case with an attendant who remarked:

"He's in a bad way, but harmless. He keeps working every day, shadow boxing and rope skipping without the aid of a rope, and his antics annoy those within range. He believes he will soon return to the ring to fight for the championship.

"Only recently a group of physicians, alienists, several newspapermen and hospital attendants were watching regretfully while the graying little man feinted, hooked, side-stepped, swung vicious rights and lefts that landed in the air—all at an imaginary foe. He was giving a workout, to prove that he would be ready for Nelson in a few days. It was a pitiful sight. Those who watched him, were there on a mission—to see if he could be released. But he was too far gone.

"When he quit to rest, his head dropped into the arms as he sat on a bench while down the corridor in the psychopathic ward one inmate kept shouting, you're goofy. The fellow's cuckoo, He's just crazy."

Wolgast heard it and looking at one of the alienists remarked:

'Wish that fellow would stop calling me crazy. It hurts me more than it does him.'

"The doctor nodded and then turned to one of the scribes and said:

"He's a hopeless case. We cannot do anything for him. His mind has lost its grip on all elements of time. Too much battering around the head."

And a few weeks later, came the report that Ad Wolgast could not be released. Judge Robert H. Scott, had declared the Michigan Wildcat hopelessly insane.

WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

(*Continued from page* 29)

career—he was ranked fourth in the welterweight division by the Ring Magazine.

Brown graduated from Louisiana State College in 1939.

● ● ●

Richard (Red) Hillard, 23-year-old, Quantico Marine boxing champion will soon be discharged from service and reside in St. Paul, Minn., where he will begin his professional career.

Hillard, winner in 23 of his 25 bouts, 14 by knockouts, was the 1952 featherweight champion of the First Marine Division in Korea and the 1953 champion of the 132-pound division of the Mid-Atlantic Inter-Service Athletic Conference.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By Bill Hawkins

GEORGE PARNASSUS, Sioux City sports promoter and manager of Tommy Harrison, top ranking heavyweight title contender, took his ace puncher to Toronto, where Harrison won a unanimous decision in 10-rounds over Earl Walls, the Canadian champion. Walls hit the deck two times. Since this victory, Parnassus is being flooded with offers to show Harrison in the top boxing centers around the country. Northwest Iowa boxing fans are also anxious to see Harrison in action. Manager Parnassus stated that if a suitable opponent could be booked, Harrison will show his wares in a major indoor boxing show in Sioux City. Prospects of a major out-door boxing card are also being planned by Parnassus.

Amateur boxing is still leading the parade for fistic entertainment around Iowa and South Dakota at this writing. Sectional tournaments in this area will bring the winners into a four-night tourney in the Sioux City auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Sioux City Journal. Other such Golden Gloves meets are being held in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and other points around Iowa.

Remember to mail in your news for this department by the third of each month. Mail same to Bill Hawkins, 2206 N. Lafayette St., Sioux City, Iowa. If you wish to phone your news—call 8-6849.

Our wrestling department . . . Under the personal direction and promotion of George Parnassus, Sioux City has become one of the leading wrestling centers in the middle-west. . . . Near sell-outs and complete sell-out crowds are nothing unusual. . . . The last wrestling attraction in Sioux City was sold out three days in advance of show with a thousand or more fans turned away. . . .

Last minute sparks . . . Along about this time of the year, I get many calls to act as judge for the many Golden Gloves tourneys in this area. . . . I wish to thank the many fellows for their consideration, but owing to other matters it is impossible for me to fill these requests. . . . George Parnassus is looking around Sioux City for a suitable spot to open up a gym. . . . If he can find the spot, fight fans in this area will see some of the top-ranking fighters in training. . . .

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

The outlook for professional boxing in Buffalo is not too good this season. Joey Giambra rates well in the middleweight class but Joey is the city's only prospect of high standing. Manager Mike Scanlan has plenty of offers for Joey but doesn't want to stack him against "clowns" or Champion Bobo Olsen just yet. Giambra should find himself by late Spring and be ready for tougher game. Buffalo fans would welcome a topnotch match and they'll turn out in droves if Giambra is pitted against a worthwhile opponent.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA, Nebraska—The 21st annual City Golden Gloves Tournament staged by the Omaha World-Herald produced the following champions: 112 lbs.—Wendell Stewart, Manning Boys Club; 118 Lbs.—Henry Horan, Elks No. 92; 126 Lbs.—James Womack, Cudahy A.C.; 135 Lbs.—George White, Elks No. 92; 147 Lbs.—Paul McGrath, Manning Boys Club; 160 Lbs.—James Moss, Cudahy A.C.; 175 Lbs.—Tony Kasun, Cudahy A.C.; and heavyweight—Russell Grothe, Manning Boys Club.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

CHARLIE NORKUS and Danny Nardico waged a war of their own at Miami Beach, January 20, 1954 in what Miami's fight colony will string along saying, "the greatest seen here." Norkus won it by a technical knockout in the ninth round.

Norkus, 197, from Bayonne, N. J., scored six knockdowns over Ring Magazine's light-heavyweight contender from Tampa, prior to the knockout, the last one in the ninth giving him this fine win. Nardico, 15½ pounds lighter, the 4-1 favorite, had Charley down twice. Yet during the fight, it looked like either man would be the winner before the ninth.

The crowd of 2,535, paying $10,663 in this Elks Charity show, promoted by Chris Dundee, gave both boys a honey of an ovation. Most of them were standing from the second round on.

On the Norkus-Nardico undercard: Billy Pappas, 189, Reading, Pa., drew in six with Harold Neely, 196, Montgomery. Gary Simon, 158, New Glasgow, N. S., beat Paul Nichols, 157, Milwaukee, in six. Yama Bahama, 157½, Bimini, boosted his win streak to six straight with a six round duke over Bolvin Deveaux, 160½, Nassau. Larry Boardman, 133, Marlboro, Conn., TKOed Johnny Guberia, 136, McAllen, Texas, in six. Rocky Randell, 136½, Tampa, TKOed Buddy Frazier, 145½, Pittsburgh, in three.

George Holzman and Irwin Schultz engaged in a lively mix at West Palm Beach with Holzman, 163, of Bayonne, N. J., getting a TKO win in the ninth after Schultz, 165, New York, came up with a bad cut eye. In the semi between Richie (Kid) Howard, 140, Halifax, N. S., and Tommy Bazzano, 146, Middleton, Conn., Howard got the award, 78-77. Ronnie DePriest, 147, Roanoke, Va., stopped Jimmy Capone, 147, Chicago, in two. Joe McNutt, 129, Miami, won by a kayo in 43 seconds of the first round over Jose Moreno, 129, West Palm Beach. Chris Dundee did the matchmaking for sponsor America Legion.

Aggressiveness paid off for Chico Vejar in a nationally televised main event at Miami, the Fort Benning soldier by way of Stamford, Conn., decisioning Pat Manzi, of Syracuse, N. Y., over the 10 round distance. The Ray Arcel-Phillies Cigars offering attracted 2,273 persons and the gate hit $4,524.

In other bouts: Richie (Kid) Howard, 142½, Halifax, N. S., beat Frankie Freese, 137, New York, (8). Nick Funari, 136, Brooklyn, TKOed Jimmy Burns, 132, Greenville, S. C., (3). Frankie Sodano, 129½, Philadelphia, whipped Jimmy DeMura, 132, Syracuse (8). Mike DeJohn, 197, Syracuse, kaoed Harold Neely, 196, Montgomery, (1). Jimmy White did the matchmaking and Joe Schaefer promoted.

At his best in the finishing stages of a fight, Eddie Springer, 160, Duluth, Minn., and Coral Gables, Florida, closed good to take a 10 round decision from Gary Simon, 157, New Glasgow, N. S., in the main event at West Palm Beach. Ralph Capone, 131, Chicago, making his fifth pro bout his Florida debut, surprised Larry Boardman as well as 1,200 fans by handing Larry, 132, Marlboro, Conn., his first loss in 16 bouts.

Sammy Bambiani, 136, New York, evened the score with Norman Fletcher, 130, Roanoke, Va., getting a close six round triumph. Jimmy Meehan, slender 148 pounder from New York, needed only 57 seconds in the first round to polish off Roy Sutherland, 152, Halifax, N. S.

Bobby Dykes bobbed back in the fight picture with a grand upset over dangerous punching Joey Giambra in a Pabst Blue Ribbon nationally televised bout at Miami Beach, January 6th, 1954. Co-promoted by beachman Chris Dundee and Jim Norris, of the International Boxing Club the fight was a Blue Ribbon in more ways than one. The lanky Miamian gave boxing down here a sure enough shot-in-the-arm in mastering Ring Magazine's fifth ranking middleweight from Buffalo. Then he proved to 3,558 fans paying $10,522, third largest in Dundee shows.

The scoring, all favoring the home town boy, had Referee Eddie Coachman voting 6-2-2; Judge Carl Gardner, 7-2-1, and Judge Morris Feingold, close with 4-3-3. Dykes weighed 155½, Giambra, 155. The bout was blacked out locally.

On the undercard, Larry Boardman, 133, Marlboro, Conn., found Willie Delk, of Jacksonville a game boy but TKOed him in the third. Petey Ridgway, classy Miami youngster, survived a second round knockdown and decisioned Johnny Guberia, of Houston, in a sixer. Gerald Frazier, middleweight from Canada, whipped Bobby Lopez, of Lynn, Mass., in six. Claude Rolf, Tampa, won a heavyweight scrap from Al Heard, Cleveland, in another sixer, while Johnny Burch stopped Roy Sutherland, of Halifax, N. S., in the second of a light-heavyweight go.

Sticking his left jab in Davey Seabrooke's face most of the night and punishing the Jacksonville boxer with rights to the body, was Willie Pep's theme in a 10 round main event at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

The procedure was the usual Pep battle. The 2,607 fans enjoyed the ring master's generalship and they also saw Willie mixing it when Seabrooke brought rough work into play.

The ex-champ weighed 128¼ and the Jacksonville boxer tipped 131.

George LaMelza, 135, of Philadelphia and protege of Pep, made a good hit with his punching ability. LaMelza TKOed Frankie Leach in the fifth round of a sixer. Referee Carl Sivers figured Leach was taking too much of Georgie's clouts. The loser, 133, Daytona Beach, also had a cut eye. Willie "Kid" Johnson, 150, Jacksonville and East Orange, N. J., kayoed Ulysses Washington, 149, Vero Beach, in three. Johnny Carroll, 165, Jacksonville, heavy in his first comeback but rounding into good shape, kayoed Art Nelson, 163, Jacksonville, in the fourth round.

Italo Scortichini may be no scorcher as a welterweight contender but the spunky boy from Milan, Italy sure burned up Carmen Basilio in holding Ring Magazine's number one challenger to a 10 round draw at Miami on January 16. Scortichini, at the small end of 4-1, rallied strongly in the closing rounds, using combination right-to-the-body and left-to-the-head blows. He weighed 152¾, while Basilio, from Syracuse, N. Y., tipped 149¼. Carmen had the lead on points for six rounds and to use his words.

Promoted by Joe Schaefer and sponsored by Ray Arcel and Phillies Cigars, the attendance was 2,754 and the gate $5,625. Jimmy White was matchmaker. It was televised nationally with blackout on the local area.

In the semi-eight rounder, Billy Lauderdale, 146, Hialeah, dulled comeback hopes of Fritzie Pruden, 149, Paterson, N. J., by taking the decision. Bozo Constantino, 149, Brooklyn, annexed an eight from Reggie Alotti, 152, Yorkville, N. Y. Mike DeJohn, 198, Syracuse, TKOed Al McCann, 192, Cairo, Ga., in one. Gerald Frazer, 160, Halifax, N. S., kayoed Eddie Sherman, 161, Jacksonville, in one, also. Jimmy White did the matchmaking.

The training and management of Jerry White seems to be paying off for Billy Lauderdale, the youthful ring veteran from Hialeah. Billy has been turning in some excellent wins in his past half-dozen bouts and now has the local fans taking more interest in his ability. The Hialeah boxer is immensely popular in Florida's neighboring Bahamas and here again at Nassau, he produced another victory, a third round technical knockout over Billy Morgan. In this contest, Lauderdale, 143½, dropped Morgan four times when Ref Ian Allen stepped in. The loser weighed one pound less than his conqueror.

Brash Billy Lauderdale had the nerve to turn back Larry Mujica at West Palm Beach on January 8, and proved as far as boxing is concerned that the hand is quicker than the eye. With a show of speed and beating Mujica to the punch, the young veteran from Hialeah wrapped up Referee Billy Regan's verdict in a close, hard fought tilt.

The new National Boxing Association scoring was used for the first time down here. Emerson Butcher, 148, Rock Island, Ill., took all eight rounds from Tony Necro, 151, Warren, Ohio, in the semi. Norman Fletcher, 135, Roanoke, Va., won a hair-liner in six from Sammy Bambioni, 130, Hartford, Conn. A first round knockdown was Bambioni's downfall. Gary Simon, 155, New Glasgow, N. S., TKOed Jackie Taylor, 158, Venice, Cal., in five.

Johnny Johnson got off to a good start against Bob Yantis in one of the co-features at Daytona Beach but it didn't last long. Johnson put Yantis on the canvas but found himself in the same predicament a little later and Yantis, a local battler was given a technical knockout victory in the second round.

Frankie Leach, of Daytona Beach, took an eighter from Connie Gray in the other co-feature. D. G. Pitman, 150, and Ulysses Washington, 144, drew in a four spot. Ernest Williams TKOed Jimmy Burnett in four, while Harry Anderson, 145, whipped Joey Louis, 144, in four. Bouts at Daytona Beach.

MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES
By Jack Waina

KENNY LANE, of Muskegon, capably managed by Pete Petroskey, has lost no time in his rapid gallop up-grade. Only 20 years old, the clever youngster has proven himself the most promising lightweight developed in the "Wolverine" state in many years. After only nine months of fighting in the pro ranks, the Muskegon lad has captured the state 135-pound title and the fancy of the fans.

Lane, in his first bout over the ten round distance, experienced no difficulty in thumping out a convincing triumph over veteran Jesse Underwood, of Detroit, at the Saginaw Auditorium. Weighing 134½ pounds to 134¼ for his opponent, Lane's victory was his 19th in 20 starts. His only defeat was due to a cut optic and the bout had to be stopped in the second round. But Lane easily reversed the decision in a rematch. In winning the bout and the state title, Kenny was presented with a belt by Virgil O'Dell, veteran Bay City sportscaster.

Preliminaries: Lou Barry, 163, Detroit, outpunched Chuck Rouselle, 162, Detroit, in a six; Duke Harris, 143, Detroit, continued to show promise in battering out a duke over Joe Henderson, 144, Saginaw, in four; Clarence Krzyniak, 200, Bay City, had an easy time in TKO'ing Jimmy York, 196, Windsor, Ontario, in four; Gordon Meadows, 146, Pontiac, bested Vince Wienieck, 144, Saginaw, in four; and Johnny Mack, 142, Detroit, while on route to the canvas from a punch suffered a sprained ankle, so Mickey Warner, 142, Windsor, was awarded a TKO at 2:07 of the second.

When Henry Bronko outpunched Chuck Price in their first meeting, the handler's of the latter demanded a rematch. James Riley, manager of Bronko obliged, and Henry, 151, upheld his pilot's faith by scoring even more decisively in gaining a unanimous six round decision over Price, 152, at the Motor City Arena.

In a companion six rounder, Oscar Pharo, 191¾, Birmingham, Ala., outmauled Al Hunter, 211¾, Detroit, in a contest that resembled a wrestling match.

Bobby Brooks, 138, Detroit, bested Gordon Meadows, 143, Pontiac, again, and Calvin Hill, 141½, Detroit, beat Chet Wiley, 140½, Detroit, in four's.

It was simply a case of sending out a boy to do a man's job, when Chuck Coleman, of Detroit, opposed St. Louis middleweight, Jesse Turner, at the MCA. Coleman, who previously had 18 fights, winning 12, losing 4 and drawing in 2, had no chance whatsoever against his seasoned foe.

Turner, a respectable performer against much better 160-pounders, shook off Coleman's Sunday socks and roared back with a punishing two-fisted attack from close range. The Detroit boy was groggy on numerous occasions and repeatedly covering up when referee Johnny Weber finally halted the mismatch at 1:38 of the fifth round.

Four rounders: A late rally by Henry Hank, 156, Detroit, that had Rudy Gwinn, 158, former NAAU champion from Cleveland, all but out and earned the local lad a deserving draw if not more. It was a thriller all the way, but Hank waited a bit too long to open up.

Harry "Chico" Clay, 134, Battle Creek, proved too wily for Eddie Bridges, 134, Pontiac; Bob Ross, 160¼, Detroit, made it two straight over Chet Wiley, 140, Detroit.

Ring Record Book for 1954

NAT FLEISCHER
Editor

The Book of the Year in Boxing

The Official boxing guide for promoters, managers, boxers, matchmakers, radio and television commentators, sports editors, Boxing Commissions—yes, also for the boxing fan who seeks the record of his favorite pugilist or historical data.

There is only one book which contains all this information.

NAT FLEISCHER'S
Annual Ring Record Book
and Encyclopedia of Boxing

Were you among the many who were disappointed because you couldn't buy a copy of the 1953 issue? We warned you in advance. They are quickly sold out.

The best way to insure against disappointment is to send in your order now and as soon as the book is off the press, we will mail your copy insured. We print only 3500 copies and they don't last long.

As in past years, you will find this year's Encyclopedia of Boxing loaded with information that cannot be obtained elsewhere. A load of new historic material.

In addition to the complete records of all fighters the world over who participated in three or more bouts, you'll find the complete record of all past champions, claimants to championships and something new—the complete records of many famous fighters of the past whose fights are frequently discussed when comparisons of past and present boxers are made.

And—an abundance of new material—facts and figures which have never before appeared in any book.

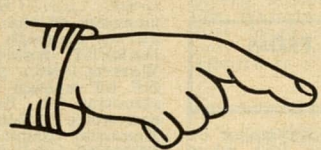
Pictures of the world's outstanding fighters—more of them than ever.

Please don't ask us to reserve or send a book unless you send a check or Money Order for Same. **This is important.**

No COD Orders will be accepted.
You must send a Money Order or Check with your order for the 1954 Ring Record Book.

No complimentary copies available.

MAIL THIS COUPON NOW ! !



FILL OUT AND MAIL TO:

THE RING BOOK SHOP
Madison Square Garden, 307 West 49th St., New York City 19, N. Y., U. S. A.

Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book

Send in your order now! If in England, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand, send your order to Atlas Pub., Ltd., 18 Bride Lane, Fleet St., London E.C. 4, England. In South Africa, send order to Butch Burman, 12 Wanderers St., Johannesburg, South Africa.

POSTAGE AND INSURANCE ON ALL MAIL ORDERS INCLUDED

Enclosed find my money order or check for ( ) copies of the 1954 Record Book at $7.50 per copy in U. S. and its possessions, including postage and insurance and $7.75 for a copy in all foreign countries. If a New York city order—add three percent sales tax.

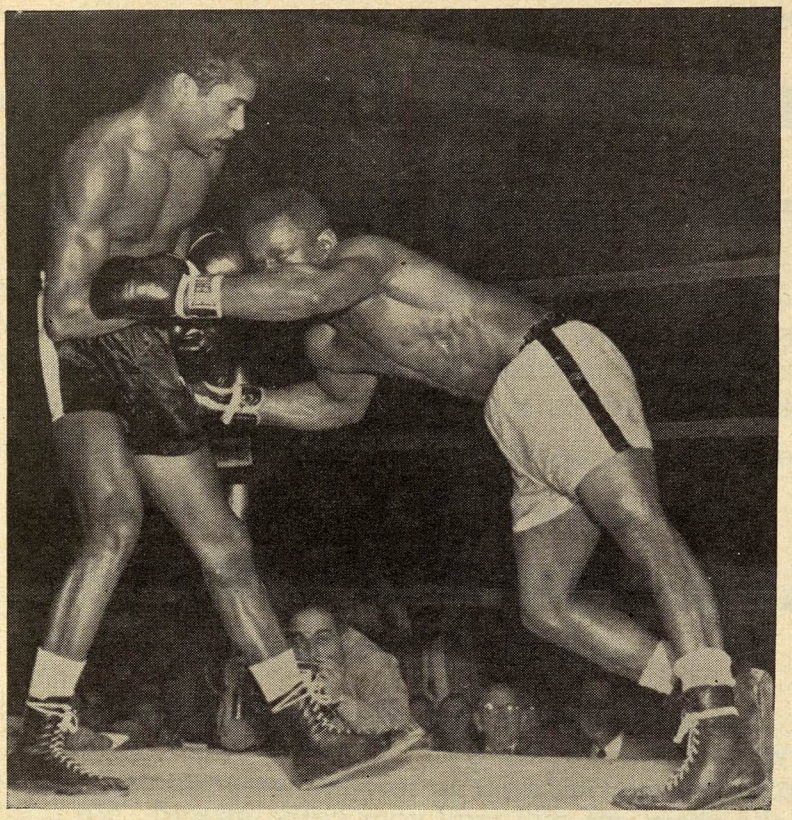
NAME .....

STREET .....

CITY .....STATE.....

If you live in a foreign country send money order or draft.

Ready for Delivery in February, 1954



The end of one of the most thrilling fights seen on TV, came in the eighth round as Moses Ward, Detroit, middleweight goes down before the attack of Willie Troy of Washington, D. C. Their entire fight was fought without a single clinch.

IN INDIANA RINGS
By Tony Coppi

THE International Boxing Club has announced plans that boxing shows will be held in Indianapolis soon. Fights will be held at the spacious Coliseum and will be nationally televised.

Promoters of the show will be the IBC in conjunction with Dick Miller, general manager of the Coliseum.

Only one other show has been nationally televised from Indianapolis, that being two years ago when welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan stopped Fritzie Pruden before a gate which grossed $30,000.

Bill 'Honey Boy' Brown, one of the cleverest welterweights in this vicinity twenty years ago, is manager and trainer of Tommy Bain and Joe Tuvell, two promising scrappers of Indianapolis. Tuvell is a hard punching heavyweight and former Navy light-heavy champ and Bain a good 122 pounder. Tuvell is undefeated in seven bouts and Bain is also undefeated in six scraps.

Handlers of Gene Parker, Indiana welterweight champion, are having difficulty in securing bouts for the Hoosier belter that will bring him into national prominence. Parker, who had an impressive record before serving two years in the Korean War, has scored wins over Sammy Mastrean, Nate Huskey, Dick Kerber and Jimmy Guy since his release from the service.

Jed Black, Michigan State welterweight, won his 24th straight pro bout in a seventh-round technical knockout over Adrien Hefel of Detroit at the Ft Wayne Colisieum. Referee Tony Zale stopped the bout after the sixth round with Hefel bleeding badly from the nose and mouth. Black weighed 145½, Hefel 148. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

In a companion eight rounder, Gene Parker, Indianapolis, 148, also won by a technical knockout over Jimmy Guy, 152, of Detroit. Guy was down three times in the seventh round.

Tommy Bain, 126, Indianapolis knocked out Willie Clark, 117, Detroit, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Joe Tuvell, 182, Indianapolis, knocked out John Hardy, 180, Milwaukee, in the first round of another scheduled six rounder.

Al Berry, 147, Columbus won on a split decision over Jackie Richards, 156, Detroit, in six rounds and Jimmy Smith, 156, Indianapolis, knocked out Gus Chukas, 155, Gary in two rounds.

In Louisville Tommy Bain of Indianapolis won a four round decision over Larry Mullins and Joe Tuvell, Indianapolis also scored a four round win in decisioning Big Bob O'Bannion.

Chuck Adkins, former Olympic champion, hailing from Gary used a punishing body attack to win an eight round decision over Carl Stafford, 143, Chicago in a feature bout held in Hammond and promoted by Balk Estes. Adkins, probably Indiana's brightest prospect, downed Stafford in the fifth round with a left to the body and right to the jaw. Adkins weighed 138.

Chas Sayers, 189, Wichita, Kansas won by a decision over Earl Lumpkins, 195, in a six round semi-windup.

Dick Brewer, 142, Cicero, Ill., won in 4 rounds over Chas Humphries, 149, Chicago.

Danny Lullo, 150, Chicago, knocked out Leo Benyoun, 148, Gary in the first round of a scheduled four.

James Peace, 188, Chicago, won by TKO in one over Jesse Johnson, 180, Buffalo, and Johnny Hobbs, 140, Chicago, won over Marvin Day, 138, also of Chicago in four rounds.

Lou Thomas, former Indiana heavyweight boxing champion, has entered the field of wrestling as a grunt and groan performer. Thomas had his first 'bout' in Anderson recently. Say it isn't so, Lou.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

THE weatherman swung the haymaker on the promotion at Columbus just when it looked like boxing would get a chance to come back. In the first professional fight staged in the Memorial Hall in four years, Matchmaker Huffman, your scribe and Al Halt, his backer, took it on the chin due to a storm that kept the fans away despite a fine card arranged for them. Only 396 persons watched the five bouts.

Tony Johnson won over Klay Miliron in the second round. Eddie Miller, Dayton middleweight, was given the nod over Bob Gordon of Akron. Those bouts started the show.

Then came the main event with Marty Marshall and Herbie Moore as the contestants. It was a tough fight from gong to gong. In the early part of the third round, Marshall tossed one from right field and it hit Moore on the chin. Then came a left hook and a right uppercut to the chin and down went Moore. The referee didn't hear the bell and thought the fight over and gave the verdict to Marshall.

The fans jumped up and bedlam followed. They thought that Moore got up on time, but their howls did no good.

In a special six that followed, Davey Moore, Springfield feather, stopped Eddie Crawford. In the meantime, Haft got Marshall to go back in the ring after giving him some more money and he and Moore fought seven vicious rounds. Marshall for the second time won, once by a k.o. in the third and again by a decision in ten—a most unusual affair.

The latest addition to the 20th Century stable of boxers is a Comanche Indian, Oba Yantky. He is a six footer who comes from Santa Ann, Texas and is handled by yours truly. Ermel Oskey, middleweight, Bill Harington, middleweight and Tony Johnson, welter, can be booked through me.

Irish Pat Richards is back in harness. The big iron worker looks pretty good in the ring.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

PROMOTER BUNNY BUNTAG has come up with a new welterweight in JOHNNY EUBANKS, young Garfield, Pa., thumper who has scored two main-bout victories at the Royal Ballroom Arena just outside of Pittsburgh.

In the first show which drew a gate of $1,340, Eubanks put the skids under veteran ALFREDO LaGRUTTA, once of Torino, Italy, now of Youngstown Ohio, in the second round. A long looping right hand shot to the button flopped LaGrutta to the canvas for the knockout.

The prelim results of this show were as follows: Micky Zezza, Rankin, 141, defeated Bipp Baer, North Side, 138.6; Arley Seifer, North Side, 146, defeated Howdy McClain, North Side, 6; Emil Brtko, North Side, 190, beat Art Everett, Duquesne, 177.4; Jesse Williams, Braddock, 175, defeated Andy Thomas, Oakland, 174.4.

In second main-bout appearance, Eubanks decisioned Roger Whynott, Quebec, 158, in a ten-rounder. Promoter Johnny Ridge's second show drew a gate of $1,674. In the prelims Kid Chocolate, Johnstown, 160, defeated Arley Seifer, North Side, 148, 6; Jimmy Grover, Hazelwood, 164, knocked out Curtis Coles in five; Emil Brtko, Northside, 185, stopped Jesse Williams, Braddock, 176 in the first round. Anthony Filipiak, 172, Pittsburgh, whipped Art Everett, 177 of Duquesne in a four.

Over in Youngstown, Ohio, close to twelve-thousand boxing fans saw TOM CARNEY put on his 27th annual Golden Gloves boxing tournament and the action was torrid all through the four nights of battling for the amateur crowns. The finals, staged at the Youngstown Arena packed in over 4000 fans and here are the champions in the open division:

112 pounds, TOM JONES, Chicklo A.C.; 118 pounds, DAVE WALDEN, Chicklo, A.C.; 126 pounds, L. C. MORGAN, Scarpine A.C.; 135 pounds, BILLY NEVILLE, Scarpine A.C.; 147 pounds, LES PARKER, Tomez A.C.; 160 pounds, LOU STANICH, Pirone A.C.; 175 pounds, TONY SINIBALDI, Chicklo A.C.; heavyweight, JOE DIXON, Hubbard A.C.

Ten Second Shots: The 12,000 fans who saw the Tom Carney Golden Gloves in Youngstown, Ohio has convinced Promoter LOU IROFF of the Arena that boxing is coming back here. He has a number of pro shows lined up and interested managers can contact him at 407 Schween-Wagner Bldg. Youngstown . . . CHARLES KRAMER, general manager of the Johnstown War Memorial is all set to stage a pro show there . . . MOE HARVEY, former amateur and pro star of Warren, Ohio was badly injured when he fell off a high water-tank while on a construction job. Both legs were broken. Friends can write to him Ward H, Trumbull County Memorial Hospital, Warren, Ohio . . . PADDY GRIMES, well known Pittsburgh area pro star, has turned to refereeing and doing a good job of it too. Grimes hails from Aliquippa, Pa. . . .

Promoter JOHN SCOTT of Struthers, Ohio, just outside of Youngstown, Ohio continues to draw an average of 2000 wrestling fans each week to his top-notch shows.

MICKEY SALMAN who fought as Mickey Solomon in the late twenties around New Castle, Pa., has fully recovered from the blood clot that threatened his life.

To our friends, don't forget Nat Fleisher's new record book and if you want to be sure of your RING, subscribe . . . Al Wolgast, 303 George St., Farrell, Pa.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

OVER $4,000 was raised for the building fund of the Hazard Hospital in Long Branch, from a benefit amateur boxing and wrestling show staged by the Matawan Rotary club at the Convention Hall in Asbury Park.

Duke Stefano was in charge of the boxing end, while Mushky Jackson, the TV Star of Jacobs' beach, handled the wrestling. Murray Goodman, publicity chief of the I.B.C., brought welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, announcer Johnny Addie, former light heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich and referee Petey Scalzo, ex-featherweight king, down to help entertain the folks. Gavilan raised over $150 by doing his famous Rhumba, while Scalzo got a lot of laughs with a very clever monolog.

The trophy for the outstanding boxer was won by Benny Artist of New York, the two time lightweight Golden Glove king, who scored a one round kayo. The runners-up to Artist were Oscar Charles of Brooklyn and Ralph Maruglo of Jersey City.

The David Fisher Veterans Assoc., under the able leadership of Dave's brothers Maxie, Mickey, Benny and Al, have been doing a wonderful job in helping to bring cheer to the hospitalized vets in North Jersey by providing them with TV sets, radios and many other things. They raised funds by selling a lot of tickets for the Redondo-Brown fight at Laurel Gardens. The next time the boys run a show, how about an exhibition between Maxie and one of his old foes, Red Cochrane or Tippy Larkin. There are plenty of Jersey fight fans who would turn out for that alone.

Former world heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott has been appointed Special Investigator by The Director of Public Safety E. George Aaron of Camden. Walcott will be in charge of recreational activities for teenagers in a program designed to help combat juvenile delinquency.

The stunning kayo triumphs scored by Vince Martinez over Rocky Casillo, and Charley Norkus over Danny Nardico were the big news in the results of Jersey boxers in out of state rings. Other results saw Bill Gilliam defeat Chubby Wright, Johnny DiGilio lost to Dennis Pat Brady, Sonny Jones lost to Bert Whitehurst, Georgie Johnson kayoed Clarence Sampson, Henry Jordan beat Willie Johnson, Elmo Lincoln was stopped by Richie James, Georgie Holzman stopped Irwin Schulz and beat Gary Simon and Eddie Springer, Jimmy Walls was stopped by Wadell Hanna, but kayoed Allen Williams, Willie Coleman was kayoed by Sammy Walker.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH, Horace Wiggins, unbeaten Orange welterweight. A hard puncher who is ready for top competition.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH, Laurel Gardens, Newark: Jimmy Champagne, 148, Philadelphia, Pa., closed fast to win the decision over Tommy Dixon, 150, Long Island City, after eight rounds. Don Cheatum, 134, Newark rallied to hold Charley Drexler, 140, Bayonne, to a draw, 6; Johnny Cousins, 205, Newark, kayoed Henry Anderson, 182, Newark, in 2:32 of the first. Johnny Fisher, 157, Lyndhurst, kayoed Fred Collier, 154, Brooklyn, in 3; and in one of the fastest bouts in Jersey boxing, Joe Williams, 169, Newark, flattened Bill Williams, 163, Philadelphia, in 18 seconds of the first round.

Johnny DiGilio, 140½, Bayonne, won a dull 8 round decision over Larry Baker, 144, N.Y.C. Baker, a last minute sub for Earl Dennis, did nothing for five rounds. Al Certisimio, 141, Hoboken, was gifted with a six-round nod over Braxton Reed, 133, N.Y.C. Horace Wiggins, 144, Orange, outfought Larry Crawley, 142, Westfield, 4. Andy Figueroa, 151, Brooklyn, beat Bernie Lynn, 147½, Jamaica, L. I., 4, and Al Niang, 161, Harlem, kayoed Monk Reynolds, 164, Alexandria, Va., in one. Al won the Dick Mayo Memorial trophy with his victory. This award is made yearly by Duke Stefano in memory of his departed friend and partner.

Felix Redondo, 137, Bayonne, scored a knockdown over Mel Brown, 141, Paterson, in the first and then held off a late rush by Mel to win the eight round decision. Johnny Jenkins, 176, N.Y.C., wore down Bill Kennedy, 161, Norwalk, Conn., in five. Johnny Long, 135, Elizabeth, kayoed Jesse Goss, 135, Newark, 4. Bruce Damphire, 155, Amsterdam, N. Y., k.o.'ed Al Weilan, 151, Bayonne, in 0:32 of the first, and Guy Roma, 136, Newark, halted Norman Salt, 133, Clark Township, 2.

Making his first start since returning from the Army, Ralph Giordano, 143, Newark, outfought Johnny Darby, 145, Pompton Lakes, in 8. Ralph, who was out of action over two years looked good during the early rounds, but seemed to tire at the end. It was his thirtieth win against five losses and two draws.

Al Certisimo, 141, Hoboken, scored his 9th straight win and 5th kayo triumph as he stiffened Don Cheatum, 133, Newark, in 2:49 of the third. Larry Crawley, 144½, Westfield, stopped Stan Micheaux, 150, Rahway, in 3. Ernie Cab, 182, N.Y.C., edged out Joe Williams, 175, Newark, 4; and Bobby Sinn, 158, Irvington, making his first start in over three years, nodded Johnny Ray, 160, Brooklyn, 4.

Harold Carter, 189, Linden, The Ring's prospect of the month in March, scored his sixth straight win and fifth kayo in a row as he halted Dick Reddick, 186, Philadelphia, in 2:01 of the fifth round. Reddick was saved by the bell in the fourth and hit the deck twice before the referee stopped it. Johnny Long, 135, Elizabeth, floored Charley Drexler, 140, Bayonne, in the first and went on to win the nod in the six round semi-final. Bruce Damphier, 161, Amsterdam, N. Y. kayoed Fred Collier, 156, N.Y.C. in 1. Harry (Junior) Boutillette, 138, Newark, stopped Guy Roma, 136, Newark, due to a cut eye, 4; and Mack Little, 133, Philadelphia, kayoed Willie Brown, 132, N.Y.C., in 2.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
Sal Giacobbe

Waterbury—Promoter Tony Paoli's first fistic offering of the new year again featured Connecticut's most promising young fighter in recent years, Irish Pat Mallane of near-by Union City, not to be confused with Union City, N. J. as many of the sports writers have been doing. In the feature scheduled 8 round main event, Mallane was pitted against Willie Brown, 132, Tampa, Florida. Mallane, 133½, went right to work on his faster and more experienced opponent and after stalking Brown for about two minutes, caught him with a short left hook to the jaw and Mister Brown was counted out in 2:05 of the very first round.

Eddie Swift, 155, Waterbury was KO'd in the second round by Johnny Bowman, 157, N.Y.C. Herman Garry, 134, Waterbury, another promising local boy, defeated veteran Henry Ducharne, 132, N.Y.C. in 4 rounds.

New Britain—Before a slim crowd, too slim to encourage further promotions, Kenny Adams, 125½, Norwich, scored a 4th round KO over Young Saint, 126, Holyoke, in a bout that was action-packed until Saint ran into a beautiful right cross that put him down for the full count. In a scheduled 4 rounder, undefeated Billy Lynch, 137, Hartford, had no trouble KOing Eddie Walton, 139, New Haven, in the first round.

Waterbury—Irish Pat Mallane took another step up the fistic ladder by disposing of veteran Harry LaSane, 132½, Houston, Texas, in 1:36 of the first round. Mallane, who came in at 134½, knocked LaSane completely out of the ring in the very first few seconds of the bout and after LaSane was helped back by the paying customers, he was knocked down twice more with terrific left hooks and was completely helpless when Referee George Parker stepped in to save LaSane from further punishment. Here's a fighter who has gone the distance with the world's greatest featherweights and lightweights, KO'd in less than two minutes by this fast rising Irishman. We think you're going to be hearing much more about this lad.

In the 6 round semi-final, Stanford Bulla, 155, N. Y. C., was awarded a close decision over Joe Fusco, 152, Waterbury. In an action-packed, slam-bang 4 rounder, Herman Garry, 140, Waterbury and Albert Laboy, 138, New York, fought to a crowd pleasing draw, by the more than 1,000 paying customers who contributed to a gross gate of $2,260.00.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

BERT WHITEHURST, Maryland heavyweight titleholder, scored a very convincing win over Sylvester Jones at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway in an eight round semi spot. Bert is showing vast improvement and his mentor Sam Portney has high hopes in his hard hitting charge.

The boxers from this neck of the woods have to go away for action as no shows have been scheduled here for some time and from the looks of things the prospects aren't too bright for any action around here in the near future.

BE WELL BUILT HEALTHY and STRONG

There is no priority on health and strength but there is priority on iron and steel. Learn about the SUPER SYSTEM of Natural Physical Training which builds a streamlined muscular and strong body that vibrates with energy and grows smooth, powerful muscles.

Send for my free booklet "Building a Better Body."

Also forward to me postpaid the courses checked below:

- ☐ **Fundamentals of Exercise and Strength Building, 25c.**
- ☐ **Body Conditioning and Midsection Course, 25c.**
- ☐ **Advanced Abdominal Course of Progressive Exercises, 25c.**
- ☐ **Arm Developing Course of Progressive Weight Training, 25c.**
- ☐ **Shoulder Developing Course of Progressive Weight Training, 25c.**
- ☐ **All five courses for $1.00. No Postage Stamps Accepted.**

Also enclose free Barbell catalogue.

Send to **HARRY GOOD**
Dept. R **Reading, Pa.**

LOVE MATCHES ARE MADE IN HEAVEN
FIGHT MATCHES ARE MADE AT
Jack Dempsey's
BROADWAY RESTAURANT
B'WAY bet. 49th & 50th Sts.

"COME IN, FELLOWS"
Here's where you'll
MEET THE WRITERS
—THE MANAGERS
—THE FIGHTERS

Mingle
with those you know
and those who know you

OPEN from 12 NOON
to 4 A.M.
for
LUNCH • DINNER

RUPTURE-EASER
FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN Reg. in U. S. Pat. Off.

A strong, form fitting, washable support. Back lacing adjustable. Snaps up in front. Adjustable leg strap. Soft, flat groin pad. No steel or leather bands. Unexcelled for comfort. Also used as after - operation support. Give measure around the lowest part of the abdomen. Specify right or left side or double. We pay postage except on COD's.

Right or Left Side $3.95
Double $4.95
Pat. No. 2606551

PIPER BRACE CO.
811 Wyandotte Dept. RI-34 Kansas City 5, Mo.

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BLACKPOOL.—Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 196, continues to make progress. He enhanced his reputation by outpointing the tough Simon Templar, Jamaica, 218, over eight rounds.

Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 131½, was knocked out in the seventh round by Percy James, Southport, 130. Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 117, stopped Bobby Moffatt, Preston, 115, in the first session. Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 140, knocked out Eric Roberts, Manchester, 144, in the fourth. Bob Skinkiss, Manchester, 118, outpointed Roy Thomas, Liverpool, 119, over four rounds.

BELFAST.—Ken Lavery, Carrickfergus, 125, outpointed George McCullough, Belfast, 126¾, over six rounds. Johnny McManus, Lurgan, 115, stopped Tom Griffen, Belfast, 115½, in the fourth round. Jim Townsley, Belfast, 156, outscored Jim Greer, Carrickfergus, 151½, over six rounds. Benny Vaun, Belfast, 116, knocked out Joe Cameron, Belfast, 117½, in the first.

BELFAST.—Des Lennon, Banbridge, 136, knocked out Jim McMillan, Glasgow, 139, in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder. Billy Wells, Gold Coast, 148, stopped Johnny King, Belfast, 150, in the fourth. Chris Howson, Lancaster, 136, outpointed Tommy Cochrane, Belfast, 135½, over eight rounds. Jackie Bell, Belfast, 159, outscored Bob Burns, Islandmagee, 156, over eight rounds. Billy Kane, Belfast, 110, outpointed George Smallwood, Bangor, 115, after four rounds.

EPSON.—Eddie McCormick, Deal, 125½, knocked out Cliff Giles, Linton, 122½, in the first of a scheduled eight rounder. Clem A'Court, Epsom, 119, won from Johnny Barnham, Fulham, 117½, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eyebrown in the second round. Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 172, stopped Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 173, in the fourth of a scheduled six rounder when Hill received a bad gash over the left eye. Dennis Hallett, Islington, 128½, stopper Pat McCoy, Dublin, 130, in the third, a cut eyebrow again being the cause. Tommy McCormac, Ayr, 126¼, outpointed Sammy Odell, West Africa, 131, over six rounds. Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 114, outpointed Billy Porter, 113½, over six rounds.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Johnny Fish, Harlow, 144½, threw too many punches for Santos Martins, Nigeria, 148, and outpointed the Nigerian over eight fierce rounds.

Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 137, and former ABA lightweight Champion, boxed cleverly to outpoint Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 137, over six rounds. Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 138½, had to pull out all he knew to outscore Johnny Pipe, Beccles, 142, over six rounds. George Adams, Beccles, 153, outpointed Tony Curzon, Nottingham, 160½, over six rounds of hard punching. Wally Webb, Dagenham, 130, outscored Gerald Futter, Lincoln, 128, over six. Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 154, stopped Duggie Howling, Fakenham, 155, in the sixth. Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 137, had to work hard to outpoint Bill Wallage, Beeston, 138¼, over six rounds.

BLACKPOOL.—Tim Leary, Wrexham, 141, outpointed Ken Regan, Blackpool, 146, over eight rounds. Ronnie Doyle, Liverpool, 142, knocked out Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 146, in the third session. Eric Lord, Bacup, 108, knocked out Ron Gregson, Blackpool, 104, in the fourth. Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 141, outpointed Tommy Barnabus, Holywell, 147, over six rounds. Billy Davenport, Bolton, 143, and Alan Forrest, Blackpool, 150, over four rounds.

BELFAST.—Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 149, won a dull eight rounder over Fred Armstrong, Belfast, 147. Benny Vaun, Belfast, 116¾, outscored Arty White, Bangor, 114½, over six. Jim Townsley, Belfast, 155, outpointed Charlie Boyle, Belfast, 152, over six rounds. Bill Cochrane, Belfast, 155, stopped Jim Greerk, Carrickfergus, 154, in the fifth. San McAllister, Carrickfergus, 147, stopped Hugh Doran, Belfast, 148¼, in the third.

BELFAST.—Roy Baird, Birmingham, 146½, stopped Mickey O'Niell, Belfast, 146½, in the seventh of a scheduled twelve rounder. Frank Bell, Barnoldswick, 210½, knocked out Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 196, in the second round. George O'Neill, Belfast, 119¾, outpointed Mickey O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 118½, over eight rounds. Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 147½, won from Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, 147½, when the latter was disqualified for persistent slapping in the seventh round. Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 140, outpointed Jimmy O'Connell, Liverpool, 139¼, over eight. Charlie Hill, Glasgow, 127¾, knocked out Michael Feeney, Banbridge, 126, in the first.

BIRMINGHAM.—Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 139, outpointed Mike Hughes, Netheravon, 137, over eight rounds. Teddy Best, Cardiff, 140, and Vic Glover, Birmingham, 138, put up a first class eight rounder before the nod went to Best. Eric Skidmore, Wednesbury, 148½, and George Weston, Bedworth, 146½, drew over eight rounds. Sid Millinson, Dudley, 119½, outpointed Billy Baker, Birmingham, 120, over six rounds.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL.—Laurie Davies, Nigeria, 142½, won from Bob Frost, West Ham, 147, when the latter was forced to retire in the seventh round with a badly cut eyebrow. Pat Guttridge, Bow, 147½, knocked out Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 151, in the seventh round. Sid Cain, Watford, 180½, stopped Bob Couttie, Frimley, 176½, in the second round. Kevin Duffy, Hillingdon, 137½, stopped Ron Ball, Harrow, 141, in the second round. Billy Edwards, Hornchurch, 162, knocked out Roy Schafren, Harrow, 167¾, in the second. Pat McCarin, Bethnal Green, 130, stopped Bob Fellowes, Romford, 132½ in the seventh.

BLACKPOOL.—Attu Clottey, Gold Coast, 141, stopped Al Browne, British Guiana, 140, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder. Chris Howson, Lancaster, 137, beat Jack Dyer, Bolton, 138, in the third session, the referee calling a halt when Dyer suffered a badly cut eyebrow. Eric Lord, Bacup, 107, outpointed Cliff Bardsley, Oldham, 114, over four rounds. Don Martin, Formby, 127, outpointed Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 131, over six rounds. Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 116, outscored Jim Chadwick, Atherton, 112, over four rounds.

LEYTON BATHS.—Bethnal Green Welterweight George Happe, 149, made a big advance when he came back after a nine count to outpoint Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 149, over eight rounds. Happe, a hard punching youngster thus moves up into top company.

Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 163, outpointed Jim Lindley, Doncaster, 160½, over six rounds. Johnny Fish, Harlow, 149, and Ronnie Gill, Bethnal Green, 145½, drew over eight fierce rounds.

Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 139¾, and Peter Hill, Leyton, 137½, drew over six rounds. Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 141, stopped Al Sharpe, Belfast, 138½, in the fifth. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 145½, outpointed Bert Middleton, Kettering, 141½, over six. Len Wilson, Dagenham, 131½, knocked out Wally Webb, Dagenham, 131¾, in the first round.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.—Ron Duncombe, Jersey, 161¾, outpointed Dick Dewhurst, Southampton, 162, over six rounds. Pat Kelly, Paddington, 144, won from Billy Coulter, Woolwich, 148½, in the fifth, the latter being disqualified for persistent holding.

Norman Saunders, Dagenham, 154½, outpointed Dennis Read, Norwood, 151¾, over six. Terry Murphy, Hoxton, 136½, won from Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 138, over six. Denny Dennis, Plumstead, 127, drew with Ron Colverstone, Stepney, 126, over six. Jackie Hughes, Belfast, 168, knocked out Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 165½, in the third.

WALSALL.—Frank Daven, Leamington, 175, drew with Frank Walshaw, Barnsley, 174½, over six rounds. Roy Alway, Halifax, 141¼, knocked out Jimmy Stimpson, Tipton, 144½, in the fourth. Andy Andrews, Cardiff, 145½, stopped Jack Guyatt, Nottingham, 149, in the fifth. Sid Millinson, Dudley, 123, stopped Billy Baker, Birmingham, 122, in the second.

BELFAST.—Tom Meli, Belfast, 163, middle and light heavyweight champion of N. Ireland, won comfortably on points over Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 168, over eight.

Al Sharpe, Belfast, 138, outpointed Roy McGregor, Glasgow, 141, over eight rounds. Johnny King, Belfast, 140, knocked out Cliff Patterson, Jamaica, 149¾, in the second round. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 137½, stopped Gerry O'Neil, Belfast, 138¼, in the seventh. Johnny McManus, Lurgan, 114½, stopped Benny Vaun, Belfast, 116¾, in the fourth.

BLACKPOOL.—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 158, stopped Bob Cleaver, Attleborough, 154½, in the second round.

Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 135½, was forced to retire at the end of the sixth round with a badly cut eyebrow, in his bout with William Lloyd, Brecon, 136. Alan Forrest, Blackpool, 151, outpointed Jack Thomas, Liverpool, 150½, over four rounds. Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 116, drew with Jim Chadwick, Atherton, 112, over four. Percy James, Southport, 130, beat Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 134, in the second round.

EPSOM.—Vic Phayer, Woolwich, 175¼, gained a narrow points win over eight rounds, against Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 173½. It was the strong finish in the last round, that

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

Up to and including February 15, 1954

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUSIERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
Don Cockell (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Barry Brown (NZ)
Johnny Williams (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Gordon Hazell (E)	George Barnes (A)
Earl Walls (C)	Alex Buxton (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Eddie Thomas (SA)
Ansel Adams (T)	Dennis Powell (W)	Joe Maseko (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
Johnny Arthur (SA)	Albert Finch (E)	Alfie Sands (A)	Wally Thom (E)
Jack Gardner (E)	Dave Williams (W)	Les Allen (E)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
Kilone Lave (T)	Brian Anders (E)	Joe Munro (SA)	Eddie Thomas (W)
Lloyd Barnett (J)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Bruce Crawford (E)	Frank Flannery (A)
Ken Brady (A)	Doug Harper (C)	Graham Higham (A)	George Happe (E)
Simon Templar (N)	Arthur Howard (D)	Don Johnson (A)	Peter Fallon (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
Arthur King (C)	Roy Ankrah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
Armand Savoie (C)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	John Kelly (I)	Terry Allen (E)
Pat Ford (A)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Eric Marsden (E)
Joe Lucy (E)	Trevor King (A)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Dai Dower (W)
Attu Clottey (WA)	Vic Towcel (SA)	George O'Neill (I)	Vic Herman (S)
Tony Habib (SA)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Ogli Tetty (WA)
Solly Cantor (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Tommy Icke (E)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
George Dunn (C)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Eddie Carson (S)	Henry Carpenter (E)
Ivor Germain (BG)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Jimmy Zale (SA)	Kid Dynamite (SA)
Al Brown (BG)	Elley Bennett (A)	Mickey O'Sullivan (E)	Marcus Temple (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (T) Tonga.

gave Phayer the edge. Tommy McCormac, Ayr, 128½ outpointed Johnny Powell, Morden, 126¼ in six. Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 173½, knocked out Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 173, in the third. Bob Murray, Portsmouth, 140, put up a creditable victory, when he stopped Ken Lewis, Jamaica, 137½, in the third. Denny Dennis, Plumstead, 127, drew with Sammy Odell, West Africa, 129½, in a six round thriller. Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 113¾, won over Billy Porter, Croyden, 115¾, in six.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Johnny Fish, 144½, "The fighting Fool", of Harlow, overcame a disadvantage in height and reach to outpoint George Weston, Bedworth, 147, in eight. Peter Hill, Leyton, 135½, outpointed Kenny Taylor, Norwich, 138, in six. Eddie King, Jamaica, 151, stopped Norman Saunders, Dagenham, 150½, in the fourth. Idris Williams, Rhyl, 157¾, outpointed Ken Hogarth, Luton, 159½, in six. Jimmy Carter, Great Yamouth, 146½, and Fred Balio, Gambia, 152½, battled six hectic rounds to a draw. Ron Colverston, Stepney, 125½, outpointed Henry Cuffey, British Guiana, 132½, in six.

WEMBLEY.—Clem A'Court, Morden, 119½, can consider himself lucky to receive the full honors at the end of eight rounds, against Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 120. The packed hall, nearly raised the roof in dissent, when the decision was announced. In what looked like developing into a good contest was marred, when the referee ordered Pat Gutteridge, Bow, 145, to his corner in the second round, claiming that the cut eye was too bad, leaving Peter Waterman, Clapham, 144¼, the winner. Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, 138½, seemed to have a clear lead over Kevin Duffy, Hillingdon, 137½, at the end of six rounds, but had to be contented with a draw. Charlie Page, Stepney, 143, stopped Gordon Kearns, Shepherds Bush, 146, in the fifth.

BRISTOL.—Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 148, outpointed Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 146¾, in 10 rounds. Roy Coles, Weston-Super-Mare, 134, outpointed Harry Legge, Poole, 133, over 10 rounds. Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 153, knocked out Freddy Smith, Weston-Super-Mare, 151¼, in the second. Derek Cook, Pimlico, 148½, outpointed Pat Mack, Islington, 145¼, in six. Ray Davis, Bath, 174¼, stopped Don Stocker, Torquay, 174, in the fifth. Cliff Purnell, 188½, outpointed Dinny Powell, Walworth, 188½, in six.

DERBY.—Simon Templar, Jamacia, 217, won the battle of the giants, when he forced Hugh McDonald, Glasgow, 234½, to retire in the fifth, after taking considerable punishment. Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 137, turned in a good performance, when he defeated Norman Wormall, Birmingham, 137, in the tenth, when the referee intervened. Vincent O'Kine, Gold Coast, 148, outpointed Bernie Newcombe, Dagenham, 146½, in eight.

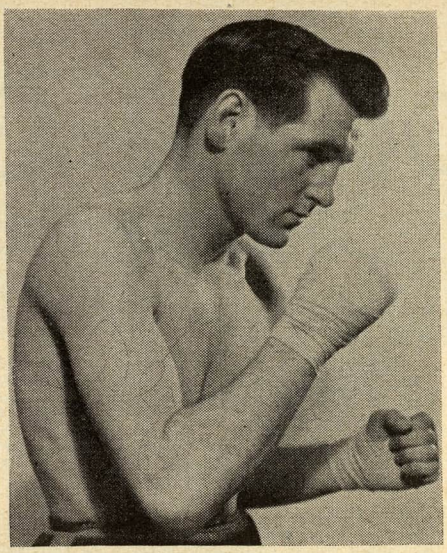
PRESTON.—Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 160½, had to fight hard all the way, to outpoint Arthur Acha, Belgium, 161½, in eight. Harry Warner, Dagenham, 148, outpointed Ronnie Doyle, Liverpool, 144½, in eight. Jackie Butler, Preston, 129, won his farewell contest in Great Britain. He is emigrating to Canada. His opponent, Tony Russell, Leeds, 131, was knocked out in the third. Alf Cotton, Preston, 131, drew with Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 129.

BELFAST.—Billy Graham, Lisburn, 129½, outpointed Jim Feeney, Bambridge, 128¾, over six hectic rounds. Arty White, Bangor, 120, knocked out Jim Brown, Belfast, 125, in the second. Jim Hughes, Belfast, 129½, outpointed John Haughey, Lurgan, 132, in six. Paddy Boyle, Belfast, 137, outpointed Jackie Fox, Belfast, 134½, in six.

BLACKPOOL.—Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 155, was awarded a points decision over Bert Sanders, Paddington, 160, at the end of eight rounds. Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 138½, outpointed Del Willis, Manchester, 140, eight rounds. Eric Lord, Bacup, 112, outpointed Bobby Moffatt, Preston, 114, in four. Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 143, gained a points win over Frank Moran, Birkenhead, 144, in six.

BELFAST.—Charlie Curry, Coatbridge, 148½, put his opponent Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 147, on the canvas for nine counts, but the latter lasted the distance to be declared a very game loser. Des Lennon, Bambridge, 139½, had an easy win over Chris Hewson, Lancaster, 136¼, and the bout was stopped in the third. Jackie Mitchell, Belfast, 160, stopped Ivor Hutton, Bacup, 161, in the fourth.

LEYTON.—Arthur Howard, Islington, 177, reversed a points defeat, when he won well on points against Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, 177, at the end of eight thrilling rounds. Ken Bebbington, West Ham, 149, and Danny Gill, Bethnal Green, 147, battled fiercly for eight rounds before the referee



Clem Acourt, former amateur star who has turned pro. He has won ten of his eleven pro contests since entering the money ranks. He's a good bantam who engaged in 318 amateur fights. His only loss has been to Cliff Giles.

declared a draw. Billy Edwards, Hornchurch, 163¼, stopped Idris Williams, Rhyl, 154, in the first. Len Wilson, Dagenham, 132, knocked out Ron Colverson, Stepney, 126, in the second. Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, 137¼, knocked out Bill Sliney, Kings Cross, 142, in the second.

NOTTINGHAM.—Bobby Dawson, of Georgia, U.S.A. threw a bombshell into the World Middleweight ratings by scoring a convincing points victory over the highly touted Yolande Pompey of Trinidad, at the end of 10 rounds. Dawson was 2 ounces inside of 159, and Pompey, 162 and 1 ounce on the run of the contest. I am of the opinion that Pompey should give up any idea that he has of trying to make the middleweight limit of 160 pounds.

Peter Keenan, Glasgow, boxed cleverly to outpoint Robert Munier, France, in a eight round bantamweight contest. Frank Parkes, Nottingham, proved that he is still a thorn in the lightweight division, when he gained a clear cut points win over Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, in eight. Vincent O'Kine, Gold Coast, outpointed Kit Pompey, British Guiana, in an eight round welterweight contest.

Dan Dower, Wales, is a flyweight who will take some beating when he gets more experience. He clearly outpointed Ogli Tetty, South Africa, in eight.

LIME GROVE.—London.—Peter Longo, Covent Garden, outpointed Jack Johnson Coffie, Gold Coast, in a hard hitting eight round contest. Tony Mancini, Hammersmith, son of Alf Mancini, and Charlie Page, Stepney, fought their welterweight contest over six rounds that was full of thrills, and it was no surprise when the referee declared it a draw. Jack Thornbury, Convent Garden, stopped Pat Kelly, Paddington, in the fourth, when the latter sustained a badly cut eye.

Royal Albert Hall.—Joe Lucy, Mile End, the Lightweight Champion, can be considered one of the most unluckiest of losers. In his bout with Johnny Butterworth, the Rochdale Thunderbolt, scheduled for 10 rounds, was terminated in the eighth with Lucy well out in front. A cut eye that will mean a three months rest from the ring. The record book will call it a K.O. win for Butterworth, but on my book, the latter could only be credited with one round of the eight fought.

Another shock was the show put up by The British Cruiserweight Champion, Alex Buxton, 164, his 10 round contest with Wim Snoek, of Holland, 170¼. The referee did the hardest part of the work, and awarded Snoek the decision. I wonder WHY, capital WHY, referees are so inconsistent in their method of interpreting the rules of boxing. Both were fortunate in not receiving their marching orders.

George Happe, Bethnal Green, 148, is the man of the moment in the British Welterweight Division after Happe had scored a clear win over Peter Fallon, he was matched with Hector Constance, Trinidad, 145¾, over eight rounds. The critics said that Happe was overmatched, but all George Happe would say to his manager Curley Carr, if Constance beats me, he will know that he has been in a fight. That is exactly what happened.

Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 125¼, was unlucky in his featherweight eliminating contest, against Freddie King, Wandsworth, 125½. Tucker was ruled out for a low blow in the third, after having King all set for a knockout. Terrence Murphy, Canning Town, 162¾, returned to form to stop Dinkie White, Islington, 162½, in the seventh. The opening bout, between Dennis Read, Norwood, 154, and Norman Saunders, Dagenham, 151¾, was a humdinger, and ended in a draw, over six.

NEWCASTLE.—Roy Bennett, Salford, 136½, was too clever for Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, 135½, and won on points in eight. Johnny Miller, North Shields, 134, stopped Jimmy Ford, New Brancepeth, 137¾, in the fifth. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 136, stopped Bill Connor, St. Helens, 136, in the third.

WILLENHALL—Eric Skidmore, Wednesbury, 149, knocked out Bobby Johnson, Bournemouth, 149½, in the fourth. Emrys Jones, Trefonen, 139½, and Teddy Best, Cardfff, 138½, fought eight hectic rounds to a draw. Tom Berry, Nottingham, 139, knocked out Percy Bright, Dudley, 138, in the fourth. Phillip Edwards, Cardiff, 151, stopped Terry Thompson, Jamaica, 149¼, in the fifth. Al Lindon, Brownhills, 137, knocked out Bert Donaldson, Birmingham, 140, in the third.

BELFAST.—Tommy McMenemy, Belfast, 138¼, was a good points winner over Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 138½, in eight. Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 127¾, stopped clever Jim Fisher, Belfast, 125, in the seventh. Eddie King, Jamaica, 153, stopped Johnny King, Belfast, 147½, in the fourth. Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 162, outpointed Bob Burns, Islandmagee, 166, in eight. Benny Vaun, Belfast, 116½, outpointed Tom Griffen, Belfast, 117½, in six.

British Boxing prestige received a welcome boost when Johnny Williams, former British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, scored a K.O. victory over Gerhard Hecht, Berlin, at the Sportspalast, Berlin. The end came in the second round, after Williams had showed the unexpected fighting qualities known of him. If Johnny Williams would continue in this method of fighting, there is no knowing what heights he could conquer.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Simon Templar, Jamaica, 225, stopped Frank Bell, Barnoldswick, in the fifth, after the latter had taken several counts. Santos Martins, Nigeria, 147¼, stopped the promising local, Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 146, in the seventh. Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 162, outpointed Roy Johnson, Liverpool, 155¾, in eight. Bola Lawal, Nigeria, 134½, stopped Maurice Williams, Jersey, 138, in the sixth.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

THERE were two outstanding fights during January, one between Gustavo Rivera and Cesar Saavedra, which Rivera won and the other between Raton Macias and Alberto Reyes, a rematch, which Macias won again. The following were all the results:

Fili Nava, 117, outpointed Beto Couary, 118, in ten. Nava is Macias' challenger for the national bantamweight title. Pedro Garcia, 119, stopped Babe Lopez, 117, in two.

Gustavo Rivera, 127, outpointed Cesar Saavedra, 127, ten, in a fight which will be probably voted one of the best of the year. Julio Escobedo, 127, outpointed Luis Contreras, 127, in ten.

Raton Macias, 118, Mexico's bantamweight champion, outpointed Alberto Reyes, 118, Chile's bantamweight champion, in ten. The fight was good and the Chilean lasted the ten rounds, but it certainly was a one-sided affair. Two days after the fight it was discovered Reyes had a broken jaw. Jose Lopez, 118, outpointed Trini Ruiz, 121, in ten.

Manuel Armenteros, 120, from Cuba, outpointed Lino Botello, 119, in ten. Mario Mantecon, 131, outpointed Arturo Gonzalez, 136, in ten.

Babe Vazquez, 136, outpointed Chucho Ruiz, 138, in ten. Kid Mares, 137, stopped Chico Martinez, 138, in eight.

Martin Rodriguez, 125, from Cuba, stopped Pepe Montes, 126, in three. Montes announced this was his last match as his eyes can no longer stand blows. Kid Campeche, 122, outpointed Panchito Silva, 121, in ten.

Baby Ortiz, 129, national featherweight champion, outpointed Manuel Rivera, 131, national lightweight champion, for the third time, in ten. Lalo Gallardo, 134, outpointed Enrique Esqueda, 134, in ten. Address the writer: Hudson 28-11, Mexico 5, D. F. Mexico.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

JANUARY saw a great many interesting programs on the Continent, the most sensational being those which featured Johnny Williams at Berlin and Percy Bassett in Paris. Williams put paid to brilliant Gerhard Hecht in two rounds while Bassett redeemed his standing as World Champ by creasing Jacques Herbillon and stopping Francis Bonnardel. Later in February, Bassett stopped Mohamed Chickaoui.

Gustav Scholz confirmed his rating as best middle on the Continent by stopping two cruisers, D'Haes and Al Allotey and Heinz Neuhaus returned to action with a quickie against Piet Wilde. Wim Snoek, classy Dutch cruiser, copped kudos in Britain and Germany and Bep van Klaveren began another comeback campaign in Holland. Another on the road back was Heinz Seelisch, long inactive, and Luis Romero triumphed over promising Bobby Ros down in Spain. Boxing also started up again in Portugal and Denmark after a pause of several months.

Berlin.—Gustav Scholz plunged into the cruiserweight division in search of fresh opposition and Belgium's Victor D'Haes provided the test. The athletic Berliner did not leave the issue open to doubt. He blitzed the visitor to defeat in three rounds, dropping Victor for six counts. Hans Stretz did well to obtain a draw against the fast-improving Dutch cruiser king. Wim Snoek, over eight, and William Besmanoff obliged the Luxemburger, Jeng Serres, to retire in round four of a heavyweight set-to. Ernst Zetzmann iced Michel Hilderson, Belgian welter, in two and America's Al Mobley whipped Heinz Saenger in a middles six. Borowski nodded Robert Gaffron in a middles four.

Cologne, Germany.—Peter Mueller fought an even-steven bout over six rounds with Don Ellis, while Dieter Hucks emerged from oblivion to chill Bruno Junkuhn in the fourth of a cruiser slam.

In three welter events, Gerhard Wenzel trimmed Heinz Wangemann over six, Moeller flattened Nothelfer in one and Siegfried Burrow creased Albert Ganser in the third.

Wuppertal, Germany.—Leo Starosch checked in with an easy victory over Hans Schmitz, knocking out his foe in the third heat of a middles fray; Heinz Sachs was also present, finishing off Matthias Luyten in the third of a cruiser bout. Two further middleweight contests saw popular Emil Koch win narrowly over the Dutch colonial, Tony Baars, who was forced to retire with a cut eye at the end of round six, while Herbert Escher battered Heinz Schroeder to defeat in the third. Oswald Haast debuted with a points win over Guenther Chomuntowski in a welter four.

Delmenhorst, Germany.—Hans Baumann punched home a good win over rugged Heinz Schreiber in a middles eight, and Gerhard Moll whipped Amandus Spitzkopf in a middles six. Claus Miska nodded the heavier Fritz Schwering in a welter argument over six rounds and Albert Fritsch put the crusher on 39-year old Bruno Walkowiak in the fourth stanza of their lightweight duel.

Courtrai, Belgium.—The two German Muellers, Albert and Gert, won their fights here against local opponents. Albert won via disqualification in the fifth when he was butted badly by Camille Milo, a solid welter, and Gert wrecked the hopes of young Rudolph Christiaens, promising lightie, who was stopped in the seventh. A local middle named Harry Kindermann halted Horst Kemena, of Germany, in the sixth.

At Eupen, in South Belgium, 5th Dec the local middle, Kid Louis, laced rough Herbert Escher of Germany, in a six-rounder.

Bologna, Italy.—In the "Mario Bosisio" welter tourney held here, Umberto Vernaglione confirmed by chilling Pozzi in three, Luigi Coluzzi bested Conti over six and Duilio Bianchini trounced Caselato also over six. In another welter fray, not in the tourney, Bidini nodded Piu over six.

Nevers, France.—Idrissa Dione, national welter king, put the crusher on another gentleman of color, Charles Dhery, whom he flattened in the fifth round. At Limoges, 22nd Jean Podevin achieved something rare for him, a victory, beating the Spanish feather, Luis Domingo, over eight. Gilbert Lavoine boxed an exhibition with Chris Lunaud. At Somain, 27th, up-and-coming Ilde Warusfel battered the Belgian cruiser, Vicky, to defeat in five rounds.

Luxembourg.—Franz Ehringer, the national middles king, looked quite good in thrashing the French cruiser, Henri Chebaut, over ten rounds.

Milan, Italy.—Enrico Macale got the better of Mario Posca in eight, thus qualifying for the final of the feathers comp, while Franco Rosini won over Felice Gallo and thus got into the final of the lightweight ditto. His opponent will be Garbelli, who whipped Giovanni Paini in eight on the same card. Loreto Vari hammered out a win over Calzavara in a cruiser six.

Auchel, France.—Jacques Bataille fought a bit below his usual standard here, gaining just a narrow verdict over the game Belgian feather, Louis Van Hoeck, in a good ten.

Madrid, Spain—Antonio Monzon continued his road back to the national welter crown, which he forfeited when abroad, by stopping José Segura in the seventh round after battering his man steadily. Jesus Torralba was iced in the second by Pedro Paris in a feathers duel.

Paris.—The Palais des Sports was crowded on the night Percy Bassett redeemed his standing as Terror No. 1 of Europe's lightweights and feathers. The American took just 90 seconds to put the skids under stiff-clouting Jacques Herbillon, dropping the French lightie king for three counts of "nine" before this dismal demolition was halted by the referee.

In the supporting bouts, Francis Bonnardel drew with Mohamed Chickaoui in a catchweight affair over ten, Hilaire Pratesi trimmed Robert Meunier in a bantam eight and Seraphin Ferrer blasted Bernard Michel in the second heat of a welter shindig. Cherif Hamia stopped Lefeuvre in the second session of a bantam six.

Paris.—At the Central Club, Theo Nollet finally regained that winning stride by catching up with Jack Lemeunier in the tenth and last round of their lightweight meeting. Daniel Desmeules got the better of André Scotto in a feathers eight.

At Caen, another old prospect, Roland Romano, came into his own by decisioning Mohamed Bouraoui in a good middles ten.

Rotterdam, Holland.—It was like old times here in the Riviera Hall, when 45-year old Bep Van Klaveren made a fresh appearance in the ring. He was in excellent condition and age had certainly not cramped his style against the mobile French first series middle, Tino Pierluigi. So full of pep was Bep that he fairly smothered the invader with rights and lefts and won with a tidy points lead after eight rounds. Kid brother Piet Van Klaveren outscored Kid le Noir in a lightweight eight and heavyweight Baby De Voogd was declared winner over Eugene D'Alessio, who was ruled out for hitting low in the seventh heat.

Iglesias, Italy.—Piero Rollo moved another step in the right direction when he thumped out a lesson to Cosimo Pezzuto, who was taken out of the fight in the sixth frame of this bantam slugfest.

At Portotorres, Gavino Cau trimmed Giovanni Musina in a feathers six.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—Packed house at the KB Hall to watch Joergen Johansen start the New Year with a win, punching out a points triumph over the clever Algerian, Laouari Godih, over ten, but on February 7, he lost his European title to Dulio Loi. Chris Christensen just made it against Jean Ruellet, up-and-coming French welter star, the Dane copping the verdict after ten bright rounds. Martin Hansen was held to a draw by negro Constant Alcantara in a middles eight, thus repeating a previous decision, and lightweight Svend Wad started his comeback by trouncing rugged Augustin Ussin over six rounds.

Milan, Italy.—Sergio Caprari was acclaimed winner of the feathers trophy by outscoring Enrico Macale in the ten-round final. Winner

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(Month Ending Feb. 15, 1954)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Karel Sys (B)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Hans Stretz (G)	Paolo Melis (I)
4. Guenter Nuernberg (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)
5. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Heinz Sachs (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
6. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
7. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Giovanni Alfonsetti (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Antonio Monzon (S)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Marcel Limage (B)	Franz Szüzina (G)	Luigi Valentini (I)
9. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Jean Ruellet (F)
10. Aldo Pellegrini (I)	Willi Besmanoff (G)	Mickey Laurent (F)	Garbis Zacharyan (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joergen Johansen (D)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Robert Cohen (F)	Louis Skena (F)
2. Jacques Herbillon (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Maurice Sandeyron (F)	Young Martin (S)
3. Duilio Loi (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Andre Valignot (F)	Charlie Bohbot (FM)
4. Auguste Caulet (F)	Jacques Dumesnil (F)	Gaetan Annaloro (I)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
5. Hoacine Khalfi (FA)	Jacques Bataille (F)	Emile Chemama (FA)	Antonio Diaz (S)
6. Werner Handke (G)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Andre Jasse (F)
7. Augustin Argote (S)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Franco Lombardozzi (I)
8. Joseph Janssens (B)	Mohamed Chickaoui (FA)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Emile Delplanque (B)
9. Louis Carrara (F)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Willibald Koch (G)
10. Bruno Visintin (I)	Luis Romero (S)	Henk van Klaveren (H)	Robert Mouginot (F)

LEGEND—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (FA) French Algeria; (FM) French Morocco; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (P) Portugal; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden; (T) Turkey.

of the lightweight tournament was Giancarlo Garbelli, who slammed his way to victory against Franco Rosini in another ten-rounder which went the distance. Scoccimarro bested Gino Capobianchi in a feathers six and Aristide Dal Piaz drew with Orfeo Meneghini in a middles six.

At Bologna, the welter tourney went a stage further, Luigi Coluzzi getting Piu over eight and Vernaglione getting the best of it against Duilio Bianchini in another eight, the winners to meet for the final. In a middles slam, Mario Savoldi stopped Vannes Benassi in seven.

Brussels, Belgium.—Pierre Cossemyns had a fairly simple task in outscoring the German flyweight, Willibald Koch, in a ten round affair. Mel Brown was lucky to bust open the lip of Winnfried Henne and thus cause the German cruiser to retire in the sixth frame, as Henne looked like repeating a previous win over Brown. Frans Wahl, rising welter star, pushed further to front with a points win over Edgard Delannoit in eight, and Nevens upset Hans Nesemann, German welter, halting him in the sixth.

At Calcken, the local cruiser prospect, Hector Lion, continued his string of triumphs by scuttling Joe Dax in the fifth.

Lisieux, France.—Sylvain Therouse got the nod over Jean Guernalec here after a good lightie ten, while at Arques, Roger Facqueur scored his best win to date by shattering Belgium's welter contender, Kid Eugene, in seven sessions. Regis Facqueur, also a welter, drubbed another Belge, Beyens, over eight.

At Valenciennes, two more Belgians got poor decisions. The two unlucky gents were cruiser Luigi Dominico, who was declared loser to Ilde Warusfel and Jean Devinck, who officially lost to André Younsi in a feathers ten. On the same bill, Alf Vaillant stopped André Piens, Belgian bantam, in the sixth, and Rene Wlamynck iced Carrigand in the second stanza of a middles affair.

At Rosendael.—Marcel Ranvial continued the good work by outpointing the feathers veteran, Georges Mousse, over ten.

St. Brieuc, France.—Francis Coeuret, contender for the national heavy title, came thru with a rapid victory over the Belgian, Allard, who was halted in the fifth. Louis Perrigault got the better of another Belgian, cruiser Richard Denis, over eight and Gaston Mathieu nodded Raphael, Belgian welter, in eight.

Istanbul, Turkey—Garbis Zacharyan, the national welter champ, laced Brahim le Jeune of Tunisia over ten, and Ziyaris Taki easily trounced Edouard Adjemian, a French welter of Armenian descent, also over ten.

St. Lo, France.—Marcel Tirel commenced the road back with a mediocre win against Mohamed Hamiche in a middles ten.

At Dijon, Salvator Vangi got the edge over Rene Collin in a feathers ten.

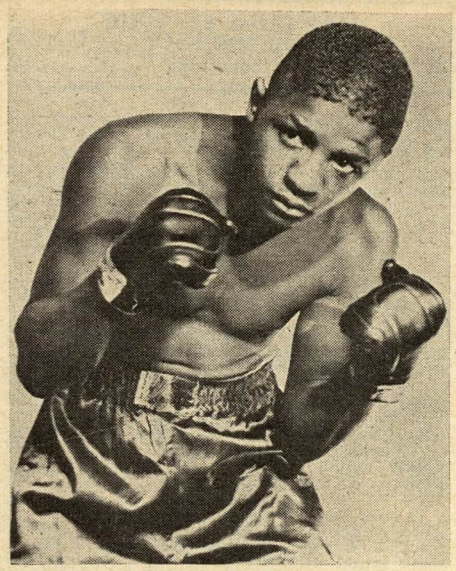
The Salle Wagram featured some of the young hopefuls on its bill, with Moussa Saad getting the nod over Rene Bolivia in a lightweight ten, Cherif Hamia beating Robert Lenoir, who was ruled out in the third of a feathers slam for butting, whilst Tiomir Zambujo drew with Francois Granger in a lightweight eight. Seraphin Ferrer outscored Ray Falkner in a welter eight.

Hamburg, Germany.—Knockouts were the order of the day in the seaport, with Gustav Scholz leading the parade. The Blitzer from Berlin threw a few blockbusters into a big Negro from the Gold Coast, cruiserweight Al Allotey, and shattered the visitor inside two rounds. Wim Snoek, Dutch cruiser, was also hasty and clipped Paul Schirrmann with a right which finished the bout inside round one, and in a third cruiser wham, William Besmanoff creased Emile Degreef of Belgium in three. Franz Szuzina was held to a draw by the promising Dutch youngster, Jan Hagenaar, in a middles six. In two welter sixes, Ernst Zetzmann whipped Jimmy Lyggett and Siegfried Burrow licked Fritz Schwering.

Milan, Italy—Mario Posca did well here to hold rough Gaetano De Lucia to a draw in a rugged lightweight eight, while at Florence, Rino Stiaccini halted Kid Bruni in the fourth heat of a bantam fray.

Geneva, Switzerland—Franco Antonini, the powerful Italian lightweight "tank", couldn't burst through the defenses of highly-touted Simon Perillat, of France, and had to be content with a points defeat over ten rounds. Constant Alcantara laced another French middle, Armand Coullebaud, over ten.

Bruges, Belgium—Tough Alois De Wulf was dropped five times by Hans Schmitz, veteran German welter, but continued to come back for more. De Wulf is too fond of butting,



Percy Bassett, Interim featherweight champion now on a successful invasion of Europe, recently knocked out Mohamed Chickaoui, French featherweight king.

however, and on this occasion he was ruled out in the sixth and thus saved the ignomy of a kayo defeat. Eugene Servais drew with the French feather, Roland Lamotte, in eight, and Norbert trimmed the latter's brother, Serge Lamotte, in a lightie eight.

At Courtrai, Descheemaker, a local middle, got the better of modest Etienne Delannoit, in ten.

Metz, France—Jacques Dugenie brought the fight game back to popularity here in Alsace by his brilliant showing in trimming blond Gilbert Ussin in a good welter ten.

At Chambery, the local pride, Jacques Colomb, distanced the flash Belgian bantam, Jean Kidy, over ten, and at Le Havre, Serge Ceustermans defeated Van Putten in a lightweight ten, and Kid le Noir drubbed Ray Toussaint in a lightweight eight. Maxime Cochin, latest French bantam discovery, proved his merit by overcoming the skill and experience of Marcel Mathieu, and defeated the ex-champ by a handy points margin at Angers.

Paris—At the Stadium, young Louis Poncy became the happy possessor of the Eugene Criqui Belt, having defeated clever Jean Bichot, who retired in the sixth round with a badly cut eye.

Istanbul, Turkey—Idrissa Dione had no time to lose for his debut in the Near East by blasting the first man they put against him. Ziyaris Taki had this task and for his pains he was knocked out of action with a left to the liver in round one.

Lisbon, Portugal—Weakened by his efforts to make the lightweight limit, Julio Martins did not fight his best in defending his national title against ambitious young Chico Santos, who grabbed the duke after twelve rounds. Little Belarmino Fragoso, a mere featherweight, handed a drubbing to Jorge Tafoi over ten rounds, the latter being a genuine welter.

Paris—The unexpected occurred at the Central Club when Stan Pasek tagged tough Gaston Meulebrouck with a right and dropped the Parisian, who ripped a tendon in the leg and was forced to retire at the end of the first round. Claude Arnaiz halted Bernard in the third of a cruiser slam.

Milan, Italy—Giancarlo Garbelli fought a draw with Mario Rosellini in a lightweight ten here, and at Rome, Bruno Visintin stopped Giovanni Bidini in the fifth frame of a lightweight scrap. Spina beat Gavino Cau in a feathers six.

Esch-sur-Alzette, Lumexbourg—Carlo Mola, Italian middle, and Kid Louis of Belgium formed the main attraction here, with Mola getting the decision after ten hard rounds.

Barcelona, Spain—Luis Romero was once again in action, inflicting on young Bobby Ros his first defeat as a professional. The old Larruper tried hard to land a kayo but Ros boxed cooly and lasted the distance. Ben Buker II was too good for the rugged Catalan welter champ, Correa, and won over eight, while Garcia II trimmed Lopez Durban in a bantam six. Secundo Oritz laced Annatria in a feathers six and Lasaro nodded Jaime Serrano in a lightweight eight.

Naples, Italy—Luck was not with the local bantam challenger, Luigi Fasulo, in his tilt against deaf-mute champ Mario D'Agata, who landed a beautiful right which caused the Neopolitan to retire a moment or so after.

At Bologna, Luigi Coluzzi edged Umberto Vernaglione to win the Mario Bosisio Trophy for welters, in ten rounds; Franco Cavicchi battered Willy Fanzlau, German heavyweight veteran, into retiring during round seven and in a lightweight affair, Cipriani whipped Walter Sarti in six.

Berlin—The Sportspalast fairly rocked when Johnny Williams and Gerhard Hecht started slinging punches from the opening gong. As the Welshman had an advantage of 15 pounds in the weights, it was easy to forecast who would emerge the best out this slugging-bee. Hecht was counted out in his third trip to the canvas already in the second heat.

Willi Hoepner fared better against Brian Anders, who visited the canvas on one occasion and lost over eight rounds to the Hamburg southpaw.

In two heavyweight events, Werner Wiegand coasted to an easy points win over six rounds against the Belgian Prosper Beck, and Hans Friedrich outfought strong William Besmanoff over eight. Max Resch, the promising Berlin middle, won clearly over another Belgian, Henry Callaerts, in a four-rounder, and Horst Niche made a good debut by shattering cruiser Otto Hentrich in the second.

St. Nazaire, France—Charles Colin struck an unexpected snag when he took on the game and wily Spaniard, Ramon Martinez. Colin put on the heat but still could only share the verdict with ring-wise Ramon after ten hard rounds.

At the Paris Stadium, Hubert Pierrard crushed Daniel Bille in the second and Smael whipped Girardot in another welter affair. Dalplace upset Said Kecir in a bantam six.

Istanbul, Turkey—Idrissa Dione continued his invasion of the Golden Horn by triumphing over the local star, Gabris Zacharyan, in a good ten-rounder.

Paris—Percy Bassett, ran up another victory before the limit when he overpowered tough Francis Bonnardel in eight rounds at the Salle Wagram. The blond Frenchman gave tit-for-tat up to the eighth round but a left-right to the jaw had him on the deck as the round ended. Bonnardel could not come out for the ninth. Mohamed Omari whipped Salvatore Vangi in a feathers eight and Rene Weissmann outscored Georges Macaire in a welter eight.

Milan, Italy—Mario Ciccarelli chopped down the West African negro, Sandy Manuel at the National Theater, and after submitting great punishment the colored boy's corner threw in the towel during the seventh. Franco Festucci thought better of his retirement and came back to paste Christian Lunaud of France in a middles ten, whilst Roberto Spina got the nod over Gaudenzio Carutti in a bantam six. Franco Vescovi halted Dante Madella in a welter bout.

Paris—The Salle Wagram was the venue of a bitter scrap between classy young Jacques Dumesnil (boxing as a lightweight) and Louis Carrara. After an erratic and rather unlovely battle the verdict went to Dumesnil. Raphael Da Sylva, Portugal's welter champ, scored a good decision over Rene Lacaze in another ten, whilst Ray Falkner drew with Francois Granger in a lightweight eight.

At Guingamp, Francis Coeuret corrected a former draw decision by whipping useful Simon Ayankin in a heavyweight ten, while Gaston Mathieu laced Azun in a lightweight eight.

At Limoges, Michel Lapourielle returned to action with a points win over Jacques Bro in a lightheavy ten. Rachid Igouchtad edged Marcos in a flyweight eight.

Oran, Algeria—Ray Famechon gave a fine exhibition of boxing against the local feathers star, Marc Cuneo, and won by a good margin over ten rounds. Peter Chico, Tangier feather, edged Rezzoug in eight.

At Tunis, the old middles maestro, Jimmy King, was by far too clever for strong Ben Younes II and outdistanced the local lad over ten rounds, after suffering some bad facial damage himself. Charlie Bohbot was awarded a draw after whipping the hide off Abdelkrim in a flyweight ten.

VANISHING COIN BOX

Drop penny, nickel, dime, or quarter into the Magic Coin Box. Let everyone shake the Magic Box, they'll all hear the coin rattle—but when YOU open BOX, coin has disappeared. Amazing! The Magic Box will baffle your friends. Send cash, check, or money order—$1.00 postpaid. Satisfaction guaranteed. Catalog of 500 magic tricks Free with order.

Terry's Magic (Dept. R)
1921-66th Street, Bklyn, N.Y.

BOXERS! FANS! EVERYBODY!
JOIN THE MANY LEADING BOXERS WHO ALREADY HAVE THEIRS. ORDER YOURS TODAY!
Have your name printed in Gold on
GENUINE LEATHER MINIATURE BOXING GLOVES
ONLY **$1.75** per pr.
postpaid in U. S.
Please enclose check or money order
Sorry No COD's.
We also manufacture professional boxing equipment. Information on request.

SPARTAN, Box 214, WMSBG, STA. B'KLYN 11, N. Y.

FOR BOXERS
and Training Quarters
The New **Chain Fast Bag**

To develop a PUNCH
BALL-BEARING SWIVEL
←
STEEL HOOP TOP
←
Bag as shown empty, 15 x 36 ins. 4 ft. hanging chain and 200 lb. spring can easily be filled with sawdust

Regular Price $20.00
ONLY **$15.00**
NO C.O.D.'s
POSTPAID IN U.S.A.

PAT. No. 2,156,831
ANDRE'S GYM
—Canvas—
EXTRA HEAVY
3466 MT. ELLIOTT
DETROIT 7, MICH.

Bar Bells
Buy Direct From Factory
Write for free booklet and price list
$8.95 up
INDEPENDENT IRON WORKS
2416 East 23rd Street, Dept. A
Los Angeles 11, Calif.

FOR BIG MEN ONLY!

SIZES 10 to 16 WIDTHS AAA to EEE
We SPECIALIZE in large sizes only—sizes 10 to 16; widths AAA to EEE. Loungers; Dress Oxfords; U-wings; Cushion Crepe; High and Low Work Shoes; Slippers; Rubbers; Overshoes; Sox. Enjoy the finest in fit, comfort, style at amazingly low cost. Sold by mail only. Write for FREE Catalog TODAY!
Write For FREE CATALOG
KING-SIZE, Inc., 416, Brockton, Mass.

Asthma
I am so grateful I want to tell the whole wide world how I found a new way to relieve my Asthma attacks. Don't live in terror another day! Please write to me. No cost—no obligation.
CLARA BAILEY, Apt. TX-I, 8 West 45th St., N. Y. 17

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

SAMMY CROWE, St. Louis's newest promoter presented his first "Club Fight Card" at the Masonic Temple on 4500 Olive Street and pugilistically speaking, the show was a howling success, but financially, I don't see how the gross gate of $1,030 could make it a success. The show was a typical Club Card with each succeeding bout working the slim crowd of 645 fans to more of a frenzy. It is hard to understand a city the size of St. Louis turning out only 645 people to a show of the caliber that Crowe gave them.

The main event scheduled for eight rounds, saw Jesse Turner, St. Louis's candidate for middleweight honors, stop Henry Henderson of Kansas City in the fifth round. Turner suffered a minor cut above the left eye but had the Kansas City boy on the floor often. Twice Henderson was knocked out of the ring by Turner's sharp punching. Referee Dick Young called a halt to the bout after 40 seconds of the fifth round.

In the semi wind-up, Sonny Liston, 201, whose home is in St. Louis, stopped Martin Lee, a 208 pounder from New Orleans in the sixth round with two hard right hands to the head. This was Liston's fourth win as a professional and it showed that he can box and can punch. Lee was on the floor twice in the sixth round from solid right hands and referee Ray Palmer wisely stopped the fight.

In the third four rounder, Jimmy Thomas who has returned to St. Louis rings after two years in the Marines, made his inaugural start a success with a two round TKO win over Jack Martin another 130 pounder from Indianapolis.

In another four rounder, which was the hardest fought bout on the card, Foneda Cox, a light-heavy from St. Louis scored a decision win over Jesse Brown another St. Louisian in a fight which had the fans standing in the aisles. Another four round thriller saw Sonny Jenkins a light-weight from St. Louis punch out a decisive win over Bobby Roberts from Indianapolis. Roberts was on the floor twice. It was also a real crowd-pleaser bout.

Crowe's plans call for more shows in the near future when the Golden Gloves are over. Plans for his weekly TVed shows are still in the making and more on that later. But one thing for sure is, that St. Louis and other cities need weekly pro cards such as Crowe is trying to bring to the people and they do deserve support.

My address is 110 Easton Street, Mid-Town Barber Shop, De Soto, Missouri.

CANADIAN TITLE FIGHT ENDS IN A DRAW

Another one of Promoter, Ernie Farr's bang up cards was the Canadian light heavyweight championship fight between Champion, Calgary's Doug Harper and Yvon Durelle of Bai St. Anne, New Brunswick, which drew close to capacity crowd.

Harper, the champion, entered the ring as a slight underdog, but after the second round had many fans wondering if the odds could drop the other way. The fight ended in a draw and was said by boxing newspapermen that it was one of the most unpopular decisions given in local boxing history. They thought Harper won by a proverbial mile, as did this reporter.

When entering the final round after both had put up a rough brawl of head butting, elbows and etc., Durelle pushed and rushed his way through, trying hard for the KO, but Harper managed to stun him off with lefts and rights. The fight had been one of the roughest seen in these parts of the country for a long time.

In the semi-final, Pete Allessandri, Edmonton, 190, decisioned Doer Ludwig, Calgary, 200.

The special event saw up and coming Floyd Hayes, Calgary, 136, win a unanimous decision over Frankie Kuhnen, Calgary, 135. It was Hayes second appearance in the ring, and he boxed beautifully throughout the four-rounder, showing improvement over his first fight.

In one preliminary bout, Dordon Rounding, Calgary, 125, won a close decision over Gordon Keating, Calgary, 126. The opening bout featured Tommy Melton, Amber Valley, 140 go to a draw with Jimmy Wouter in his first appearance.

Ernie Farr one of the best promoters and match-makers in Western Canada, has had 13 of his last 15 fights end in disputed decisions. This is a record for Canada.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By Lawson Bampton

EARL WALLS, Canadian heavyweight champion, sustained a rude jolt to his hopes of gaining a summer title match with Rocky Marciano when he dropped a cleancut but hardfought ten round decision to Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles larruper, in Toronto. The largest crowd in the Queen City's history turned out to see the bruising struggle, clicking the turnstiles to the tune of some $45,000. Toronto claims that it was a Canadian gate record were somewhat out of line as Montreal has had at least two indoor attractions topping it. Castilloux-Greco and Dauthuille-Gavilan, not to mention the Greco-Dauthuille outdoor match that drew over $77,000 in heavy rain.

Walls, who has been scoring impressive knockouts in recent bouts, started off as though he was going to make short work of Harrison, but the latter withstood Walls' early barrages, turned "tiger" in the fourth and after having Walls on the deck stayed in front to the wire, though Walls, fighting furiously, was always dangerous. The dusky pair turned in a peach of a battle, said to be the best heavyweight scrap ever seen in Toronto, and we are surprised if Promoter Tunney didn't sign 'em up for a return go. Walls is keen to get another crack at Harrison, who was a 2-1 underdog, and it would be a "natural".

It is to be hoped that the setback won't stop Walls from trying again. He has the punch and if not discouraged may yet work up to a crack at Marciano. He was slated to meet Freddie Beshore and other plans were in store for him, notably in Edmonton, where he scored many wins, notably his sensational one round kayo over Rex Layne. He is managed by genial, gentlemanly Jimmy Jones, who knows his way around. Jimmy is an old friend of ours from away back so we're really pulling hard for them.

Montreal activity finally resumed, since November 11th, when Jimmy Carter exploded a right hand kayo wallop on Armand Savoie's chin in the first minute of the fifth round, with a teevee show at the Mount St. Louis gym with Savoie, 137¾, making his first ring appearance since the Carter defeat. Savoie's opponent was Houston Brown, 136½, a sparmate of Carter's, and though Savoie won by the proverbial mile, 8-1-1, 7-1-2 and 6-2-2, he didn't look impressive, his condition and timing looking quite a bit below par. Armand was missing badly and near the end both were clinching continually. The long layoff didn't do him much good but he had better improve a lot after another fight or two. Attendance was 1,200.

Both of the six round semi-finals were much better than the dull main event. Dexter Connors and Sammy Fortuno, local lightweight rivals, staged a peach of a tiff after the main bout. Fortuno floored Connors at the end of the third round and television fans were wondering what happened after as the program was cut off then. Connors came back furiously in the fourth and it was a hummer from then on with a popular draw verdict rendered. In the other, Reggie Chartrand, rugged local welter, pounded out a close hard-fought win over tough Tony Percy, Drummondville. It was Chartrand's first fight in six months. Gerry Simpson scored a close four rounder over Gaby Paliotti and George Dubois decisioned Yvon Blanchard in the four round opener.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

The annual Polio Boxing Show was held at Cincinnati Garden on February 3. John Nolan, again chairman is to be congratulated on the successful show presented for this worthy charity.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . Joe Seta is about the only active fight manager in this locality . . . for those who wish my weekly boxing letter at ten dollars per year, 52 issues or interested in my 16th annual promoters-managers Guide, one dollar per copy, contact me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Freddie Miller, former feather champion is the new instructor of the Friar Club boxing classes . . . we look for some good material to come from this club with Freddie at the helm . . . Pat Iacobucci has called it quits . . . this leaves only Charles and Buddy Smith as outstanding Cincinnati fightmen . . . until next month adios.

IN TOKYO, JAPAN
By F. N. Miike

THE big talk in boxing in Japan is the return match between new Orient featherweight champion Shigeji Kaneko of Japan and Larry Bataan of the Philippines in Tokyo.

Kaneko wrested the 126-pound belt from Bataan on December of last year on a fourth-round knockout in Osaka.

Only 22, Kaneko is the only fighter in Japan who is given a chance to make good outside. By whipping Bataan he became the second Japanese to win an Orient championship.

Japanese sports leaders paid an ovation on January 9 to Dr. Alvin Cahn, American manager of world flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai, in a testimonial banquet. Gifts were showered on Cahn at the party. Cahn told his appreciative Japanese audience at the party: "I couldn't have a better son than Shirai."

Cahn, a bachelor from Chicago, discovered Shirai and trained him to the world flyweight championship, while he was an official of the occupation of Japan.

Four Japanese boxers left in mid-January to teach boxing in Formosa. The four, Hideo Goto, former featherweight champion, Takeo Ugo, welterweight, Kiyoaki Nakanishi, featherweight, and Masateru Nozo, featherweight, will stay in the Chinese Nationalist Island stronghold for two months.

Ring activity in Japan opened for the new year with two champions, lightweight and bantamweight, successfully defending their crowns on January 6.

Masashi Akiyama kept his lightweight title with a one-sided TKO win over third ranking Katsumi Kosaka. The bout was stopped in the sixth, with Kosaka hitting the canvas just before the end.

The scheduled 10-round fight was Akiyama's 15th defense of his title.

In another main event bantamweight titleholder Hiroshi Horiguchi took a close decision over young Keiichi Komuro. Horiguchi defending his title for the seventh time, won by a scant margin of only two points.

Low blows in the fourth and fifth rounds hurt Komuro's chances for victory. He was the aggressor throughout most of the 10-round fight.

The same evening Hiroyuki Tesaki upset Hitoshi Misako, No. 1 in the flyweight contenders list. Tesaki floored Misako in the opening round of the six-round encounter.

In another bout, Masayuki Hasegawa, ranked second, gained the nod over Terumitsu Arita, ranked third, in a flyweight bout.

Japan's flyweight champion, Speedy Akira, held on to his title by easily trouncing Nobuyuki Ishimori on January 9.

Ishimori, ranked fourth, burned up too much energy in the early rounds. The veteran Akira, making his fifth defense of his title, took all the rounds, except the eighth, which he lost on a low blow.

Former welterweight and middleweight champion Hachiro Tatsumi returned to the ring on December 18 with a win over Goro Ogawa. By beating Ogawa, No. 3 among middleweights in Japan, Tatsumi earned himself a shot at the crown against titlist Mamoru Yokoyama.

RIGHT FROM RINGSIDE
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
By Loren Cassina Jr.

"A lot of husbands are sleeping in the halls
Because they bet their pay cheques on Earl Walls"
or
"To the wise guys it was embarrasin
When Walls lost to Tommy Harrison"

The above lines may be corny but they tell the story of the Earl Walls-Tommy Harrison heavyweight battle at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens on January 26th. A crowd of 14,731 paid a gate total of $45,261. The working guys filled the cheap seats because in Earl Walls they thought they finally had a Canadian heavyweight who could beat them all. The wise guys made Walls, ranked 5th in Ring's yearly ratings, a 3-1 favorite over 8th ranked Harrison. The working guys learned they had a good heavyweight but not a champion in Walls and the wise guys lost money as California Tommy gave the Canadian champion a real fancy boxing lesson while winning a ten round unanimous decision.

Harrison had Walls down for nine counts in the 4th and 6th rounds and was in command most of the way. Walls, the boy with dynamite in either hand, stunned Harrison a couple of times but Tommy's ring generalship saved him. Walls weaknesses appeared to be lack of combination punching and a rather fragile chin. Walls weighed 190½, Harrison, 183. It was a good fight and either boy can come back anytime.

Henry Hall, 187, New Orleans stopped Dan Moray, 188, Cleveland, in the third round of the semi-final. Billy Fifield, 167, Toronto, looked sharp stopping Luigi Gemulini, 165, Sudbury, in four. Tommy Corrick, 130, Toronto, was given an unpopular draw with classy Jimmy Demura, 132, Syracuse, in six. Elmer Haskell, 155, Toronto, decisioned Larry Busching, 153, Syracuse, in six.

Arthur King, in town after losing two fights to lightweight contenders Bud Smith and Eddie Chavez, says from here in he will campaign as a welterweight. Blames those losses to having to lose too much weight and being too weak. Sounds logical. He should beat a lot of welterweights, too.

Amateur boxing shows have been running weekly with local television. Toronto and surrounding district boys have seen regular action and as a result there are several local prospects. Hughie Meikle at 118, Dave Mancuso at 126, and Al Moss at 135 all are good boxers who can punch a bit too.

The Walls-Harrison show was the first pro card here in several months.

This writer can be reached at: Radio Station CHUM, Toronto or phone RA 5314.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

IN November issue of Ring Magazine, Dan Daniel, able boxing scribe of many year's standing, giving his views and of others concerning the shortage of men in the heavyweight ranks—both numerically and for quality—presented many opinions as to why the present situation exists.

Dempsey and Tunney based their ideas on what occurred at the end of World War I in 1918 when all classes from flyweights to heavy were crammed with real talent—not all champions, but good men who could hold their own against all comers. Hundreds of towns laid claim to top-notch fighters, creating a boxing boom everywhere. New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco were the tops—but many of the smaller cities were leaded with good local talent and places like Buffalo, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Syracuse and New England towns packed them in 30 to 40 weeks out of the year.

The reason for this shot in the arm for boxing in that era was due to the Armed forces. Getting home from Europe was a slow process after the Armistice and a soldier sweating it out becomes very restless and something had to be done to use up surplus energies. U. S. O. shows were unheard of except for a few volunteer entertainers like Elsie Janus and a few others, so a program of sports of all types was organized, with boxing predominating.

Every camp had its activities. Intra-company cards started the ball rolling, and as boys picked up experience, cards were scheduled with other outfits. Then came the big tournaments, leading up to the championships of the A. E. F. in Paris, which produced many outstanding fighters—Sgt. Ray Smith, Fay Keiser, Capt. Bob Roper, Bob Martin among others. These, when mustered out, remained in the boxing game—and the towns they hailed from, had a real boom. Along with this new crop there were many who had previous experience, such as Gene Tunney who later won the heavyweight crown—Mike O'Dowd, Augie Ratner, Pete Hartley, Eddie Burnbrook, Gene Delmont and many more.

Then many American Legion Clubs which were in the formative stages started boxing programs, called smokers. Servicemen, recently discharged from different branches, and local prospects, competed. At the outset, these performers were neither pros nor amateurs but became so good, that local halls and auditoriums became too small to handle the fans that crowded them for each card. Then a movement started that took the shows into the State Armories and in no time, these places played to packed houses weekly and the better boys moved up into the Garden or big time. It was a match-maker's paradise era, when a good strong card could be arranged in a few hours time with no headaches or scarcity of talent. The way was paved for the million dollar gates. Soon, the big promoters, not satisfied, figured their source of supply was getting too big for their britches and had legislation passed to move these small, smoker clubs and the Armories out of the picture. That was responsible for boxing interest being stifled in many localities and of course cutting in deeply into the supply of new faces.

Next came the era of amateur boxing followed by the upper New York State bootleg affairs in which simon pures and pros mingled. But here again, the big shots stepped in and before long, they put an end to such boxing but from those bootleg shows came many of New York's leading fighters, among them Lew Ambers and Melio Bettina who became champions. I mention this to show how the deep interest in boxing was developed after the war, something we haven't got today.

Television has developed many new fans but not fighters. The old game needs new life and to get this, we require a continuation of the small clubs that flourished after World War One. We need more gymnasiums where the small fry can get some experience and above all, we need a school of managers and trainers such as we had in the days when Tunney, Dempsey, Loughran, Canzoneri, Leonard, Walker among other were in their prime.

Marty Harrington, Utica, New York

Madera, Calif.

I'VE always wanted to write to "The Ring" but I never got down to it. I sure enjoy your magazine. I've read it for the past four years.

I've followed the boxing game ever since we lived in San Diego. My father used to take me every Friday night to see the fights. As a matter of fact, I slung a little leather while in the Army here in the States back in 1953 before being shipped over. I won 6 and lost 2. I never thought of taking it up as a career, but I like to follow it, specially through your publication.

The articles I enjoy most are the stories about all our old timers in the game, the things they had to go through before there were commissions to govern the game.

I wish you'd have more stories like the one of Ad Wolgast in the last issue. It would be nice if each month you could have an article of each of the old time greats. I sure would enjoy them and I'll bet that your many thousands of readers would, too.

Frank Molina, Madera, Calif.

WANTED
for Murder...

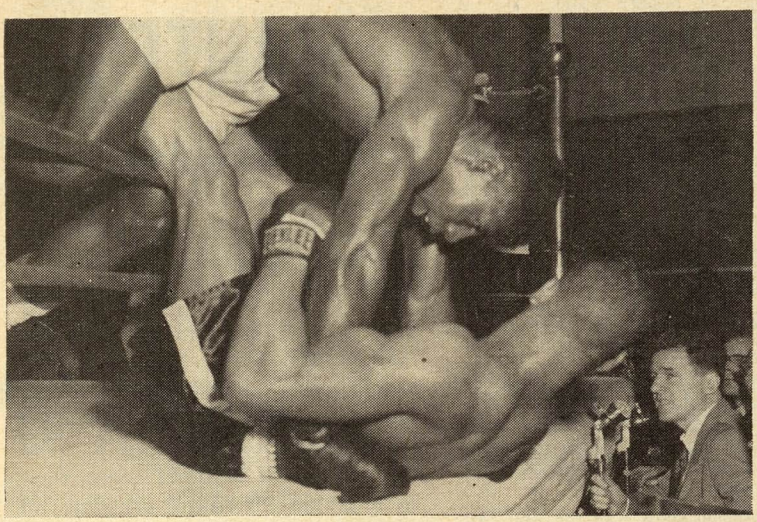
CANCER is the cruelest enemy of all. No other disease brings so much suffering to Americans of all ages.

YET—though 23 million living Americans will die of cancer, at present rates—there is reason for hope. Thousands are being cured, who once would have been hopeless cases. Thousands more can have their suffering eased, their lives prolonged. And every day, we come closer to the final goal of cancer research: a sure and certain *cure* for all cancer.

THESE THINGS have all been helped by *your* donations to the American Cancer Society. *This* year, please be especially generous!

Cancer
MAN'S CRUELEST ENEMY
Strike back—Give
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

DECORATE YOUR BARS
With Photos of Boxers and Wrestlers—Buy them from
THE RING BOOK SHOP
Let us send you our complete lists of boxers and wrestlers, giving sizes and prices of photos.
307 W. 49th Street, New York 19, N. Y.
NO PHOTOS WILL BE SENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES



What did you say! Harold Johnson, Philadelphia light-heavyweight gazes at radio announcer Don Dunphy as he hit the ring apron after being pushed through the ropes by Jimmy Slade during their bout at St. Nick's in New York. Johnson won a dull ten round decision over the Bronx spoiler.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

NEW ZEALAND is going wild about Barry Brown, their welter champion. This has been going on ever since Barry turned pro, some 14 fights ago. Now the excitement has increased tenfold since Brown knocked out Gerald Dreyer in seven rounds to win the British Empire welter crown. Dreyer was outclassed and, after being on the canvas twice in the seventh round, the referee halted the uneven match and declared Brown winner. Dreyer was assisted from the ring and was in a semi-conscious state for about an hour. Gerald said after the fight: "He was too fast. He would beat anyone in the world."

The excitement over Brown has reached Australia. For some months now, this country has been interested and intrigued by the New Zealand reports of this southpaw. Barry has turned back a few Aussies and we want to see him in action. But since his victory over Dreyer, Brown has been shrouded in a welter of confusing statements.

Stadiums Ltd. of Australia wants him to defend his title against the Aussie champion, George Barnes. So does the Australian Boxing Club, which latter beat Stadiums Ltd. to the punch by signing Brown to a contract to fight Barnes in Australia for the sum of over $11,111. Trouble is that Stadiums Ltd. has Barnes under contract. Which seems to be an intersting position.

On top of that Brown signed to meet Freddie Dawson a few weeks ago, the contest to take place on February 13. Now Brown does not want to go on with that bout and has even threatened retirement. Brown says his contract with Dawson states that he can refuse such a bout if he gets a better offer before hand. Which clause is not in the contract Dawson signed. Evidently there are two contracts! Australia and New Zealand are both watching developments with interest.

Sydney Stadium opened the year with a return contest between Charlie Dunn and Jimmy Reeves. These two met over two years ago, when Dunn was striving for a match for the Australian lightweight title. Reeves, making a comeback, knocked out Dunn in five. Dunn is once more trying to secure a title match and Reeves was again given the match. This time, however, Dunn was in complete command from the outset and he knocked out Reeves in the fourth.

Melbourne's opening gambit for the year was a double bill, in which rising flyweight star, Teddy Rainbow met veteran bantam, Johnny Gleeson and two rising welters, Brian Membrey and Jimmy Wilde engaged. Gleeson, some six pounds heavier than Rainbow, was too experienced and ran out a points winner. Membrey had a lot more trouble with Wilde than fans thought he would, but managed to outstay him to take a points win.

The same night Brisbane opened for the year with a double bill. In it, lightweight prospect, Young Layton, knocked out Snowy Cullen in two heats, while Bruce Cole, featherweight, avenged a prior defeat by rising feather, Jim Shackleton, by easily outpointing him.

Sydney's second night also featured up-and-coming lads. The management put on three ten-rounders. In the first, (welters) Coogan Brown skittled Keith Saunders in the first round. The second fight went to Albert Gall, weighing in at 178, knocked out Frank Farrington, 185, in the third round. The third contest went the distance and lightweight, Vince Affinito outpointed featherweight, Alan Ritchie.

January 22 West Indian, Ivor Germaine, who has been resident in Australia long enough to qualify for an Australian title tilt, outpointed the Spaniard, Augustin Argote. Argote made his Aussie debut some weeks ago and astounded the fans when he knocked out the Empire and Australian lightweight champion, Pat Ford, in four rounds. Pat at the time was a mile in front and got careless, something he will not do when he meets Argote again. Germaine was recently easily outpointed by Ford. Nevertheless, Ivor beat Argote, as I expected.

World bantam champion, Jimmy Carruthers, says he has got rid of his tapeworm, but others are not so sure. He spent a dismal Christmas in hospital, undergoing treatment. Then he was sent home to regain some strength. Jimmy did so, but when he was told to return to hospital a couple of weeks later, Jim defied his doctor and went to a chemist who had been recommended to him.

The chemist got rid of the worm, according to Jim. However, to satisfy his manager, Dr. McGirr, Jimmy will undergo a medical to ascertain whether the worm has gone or not. Incidentally, it was about 30 feet long, which is strictly in the python class. Jimmy calls it "Charlie The Python."

My Australian Ratings follow:

HEAVY & LIGHT-HEAVY—Allen Williams, Ken Brady, (Champion); Reg Mack, Rudy Crivac, Bruce Farthing, Doug Brown, Bill Montgomery, Albert Gall, Sandy Assogna, Kelly Cooper.

MIDDLE—(Title Vacant); Harry Hayes, Alfie Sands, Graham Higham, Pat Kenny, Don Johnson, Bill Larrigo, Carlo Marchini, Kev Delaney, Al Wilburn, Bobby Greville. Al Bourke, who was the champion, retired at the end of 1953, after defending his title four times successfully during the year.

WELTERWEIGHT—George Barnes (Champion); Tommy Burns, Pran Mikus, Frank Flannery, Bernie Hall, Darby Brown, George Kapeen, Leo Brennan, Bert Hornby, Billy Watson.

LIGHTWEIGHT—Pat Ford (Empire & Australian champion); Ivor Germaine, Charlie Dunn, Norm Jones, Americo Agostini, Jackie Ruan, Ray Fitton, Bluey Wilkins, Tony Fisher, Col Clarke.

FEATHERWEIGHT—Trevor King, Elley Bennett (Champion); Ken Wenman, Young Regan, Barney Walker, Billy Richards, Keith Francis, Ray Coleman, Col Douglas, Johnny Wheeler.

BANTAMWEIGHT — Jimmy Carruthers, (World and Empire champion); Bobby Sinn (Australian champion); Kevin James, Alan Landers, Bullant Sims, Johnny Gleeson, Billy Herbert, Harold Piper, Vince Blake, Mickey Roberts.

FLYWEIGHT—Jackie Burke, Taffy Hancock (Champion); Teddy Rainbow, Paul Prido, Teddy Fitzgerald, Clive Lewis, Cec Emmons, Cec Brown, Harry Robinson, Alan Gibbards.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

DURING January only three boxing programs were staged in La Laguna, and these by Abbie Jaik and Company at their Arena "La Rosita". Promoters of the Arena "Obrero" will inaugurate their 1954 Season in February when Cesar Saavedra and Juan Leaños will exchange blows. This match aroused great interest.

Incidentally, promoters of both Arenas, "Obrero" and "La Rosita" have come to an agreement, and their corresponding matches will be held on different dates in order not to interfere with each other's activities. This will be a great help to the sport.

The local boy from La Laguna, Cesar (Chino) Saavedra, lost his second fight in the Arena Coliseo in Mexico City on January 9, Gustavo Rivera, featherweight, won over him in a close fight, and on the 24th, Saavedra was knocked out in the first round in Nueva Rosita, Coah., by Santiago (Gallito) González, 137.

Another product of the region, lightweight Champion of Durango, Salvador "Kid" Mares, in his first fight in Mexico City on January 23, technically knocked out Chico Martinez, in the eighth.

Joe Castañeda, welterweight from La Laguna, drew in 10 with Memo Garmendia, hard puncher from Sonora, in Aguascalientes on January 23.

Results of fights in the region during January, were as follows:

Arena "La Rosita", Torreón:—Humberto Carrillo, 128, featherweight champion of La Laguna, after being floored early in his fight with Cuban Martin Rodriguez Payrol, 129, defeated the Cuban boy in the main event of this Arena's activities in 1954. In a 10-round semifinal, Felipe Sosa, 127, won a decision over Kid Manolo (Manuel Luna), 128. In an 8-rounder, Arturo (Chale) Carrillo, 142, TKO'd Salvador (Gato) González, 139, in three.

Arena "La Rosita", Torreón:—In a great fight, Kid Azteca (Luis Villanueva), 154, after being floored in the first round by Lucio Moreno, 152, who landed a terrific right cross to Azteca's jaw, got up and started to score, knocked his opponent out in the fourth with a left hook to the midsection. Kid Azteca showed that he is as good as when in his prime.

In the semi-final, Rudy Jiménez, 157, outweighing Salvador (King Kong) Dávila, 148, technically knocked him out in four rounds. In the special event, Pablo Lugo, 132, TKO'd Jesús Meléndez, 130, in seven.

Arena "La Rosita", Torreón:—Humberto Carrillo, 128, featherweight champion of La Laguna, fought Jose (Baby) González, 129, Mexico City, to a draw in 10. The decision was booed as the fans who attended in a very good number thought Carrillo had won.

In the semifinal, Felipe Sosa, 127, beat Kid Manolo (Manuel Luna), 128, in ten rounds. In the 8-rounder, Luis Vázquez, 130, decisioned Pablo Lugo, 132.

BOXING NEWS FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
By Thomas V. Deugau

ABOUT 1000 fans showed up at the Sales Pavilion to witness the brisk and hard-fought rematch between two clever heavyweights, Verne Escoe of Edmonton and Dave Whitlock of San Francisco, with the latter winning a ten round decision.

Whitlock, weighing 184 to Escoe's 183, beat the former Canadian champion at his own game of bobbing and weaving, thus gaining revenge for a disputed loss last November.

Ray Dilling (Dillon), 160, stopped Kid Legris, 156, in the first round. Gilbert McAllister, 152, halted Johnny Decker, 152, in the second round. Crowd pleasing Jerry Fraser, 147, chilled Teddy Herrington, 139, in the third round of the semi-final.

Harold Kitchen, 174, made his pro debut by gaining a unanimous decision over Ron Bennett, 166, of Redwater, in a six. Gus Bruno, 180, hammered out an easy six round victory over Eddie Palzer, 190, of Calgary.

RING NOTES: Buddy McDonald is home on leave from the Royal Canadian Navy and his manager, Alf Tansey, has issued a challenge to Western Canada lightweight champion Jackie Hayden.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

BOXING was at a standstill during the past two months but will be resumed before this issue comes off the press.

Lenny Myers, Ring correspondent from Chicago and president of the Associated Boxing Writers' Association, has donated a special trophy for a featherweight championship tourney. The trophy was sent to me and I in turn turned it over to Mayor Bazon until the winner is decided.

Our local magistrate, Dario A. De Diego, Sylvestre Berries, Assistant Captain of the Port of Colon and Williams and Gonzales of our local newspaper, "The Nation", have been made members of the Writers' Association. Col. Jose Antonio Remon Cantera, President of Panama Republic, has been made an honorary member.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

THE campaign to reopen the small boxing clubs has met with success in quite a few spots around the country.

In Chicago, the International Boxing Club reopened the Rainbo Arena on a weekly basis. Former promoter Irving Schoenwald was chosen as matchmaker.

Chicago should be presented with many outstanding shows this year. On April 2nd, the International Boxing Club once again gives Chicago another world's championship. Carl "Bobo" Olson will meet Kid Gavilan for the Middleweight title here at the Chicago Stadium.

Making his fourth start in a Chicago ring, Paul Andrews, 176, Buffalo, New York, scored a knockout over Larry Watson, 184, Omaha, Nebraska, in the 7th round of an eight round feature at Rainbo Arena. Andrews, a tall rangy boy who is very clever looked real good in this bout.

In the seventh, Andrews hit Watson two left hooks dropping him for a nine count. Upon getting up, he was immediately sent to the canvas again with a right on the chin. The referee stopped the bout at this point with Watson badly beaten and helpless.

The undercard really thrilled the fans. Chuck Adkins, 140, Gary, Indiana, who was the 1952 Olympic champion scored a good win over Isaac Vaughn, 139, Cincinnati, Ohio, stopping him in the third heat. Adkins proved too rough and punched too hard.

Leo Johnson, Charlotte, North Carolina, heavyweight, won a very unpopular decision in six rounds over Floyd Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa. Morris won every round except the first. He was dropped for a nine count in the opening session. This decision was roundly booed.

Tommy Maddox, 141, Chicago, lost a close six round decision to Frankie Betts, 143, Cincinnati, Ohio. Maddox was down in the third round from a left hook to the chin, but fought an uphill battle the rest of the way. A rematch is in order. Johnny Curtis, 148, St. Louis, won with ease over Danny Vigo, 149, Chicago, in the four round opener.

Jimmy Christofer, former featherweight star has a good stable of fighters in action once again. His star is Danny Lullo, a good looking Chicago middleweight who has been scoring one kayo after another at Rainbo Arena.

The International Boxing Club presented an all star show at the Stadium featuring Ezzard Charles meeting Chicago's Bob Satterfield in a ten round televised event. Charles weighing 189, proved he is still to be reckoned with in the heavyweight division. In the opening round, Satterfield hit Charles with a terrific left hook on the chin and followed up his advantage with two right crosses to the head shaking Charles to no end. The bell ending the first round was music to Charles's ears.

Satterfield came out in the second heat trying to end the fray. Charles was again hit by a hard left hook almost immediately. Ezz then knew he must go to work on this hard punching fellow or be knocked out himself. Charles tore in and hit Satterfield with a sharp left hook to the chin where he went down and out. The count of ten was a mere formality. That Charles can hit was made well known to the fans in this bout.

In other bouts Spider Webb, 158, Los Angeles, scored a fast knockout over Jimmy Martinez, 156, Phoenix, Arizona, in the first round of a scheduled eightspot. Martinez was down three times in less than two minutes of boxing. Charley Cotton, 151½, Toledo, Ohio, knocked out Evans Buford, 160, Chicago, in the 2nd round of a scheduled sixer. Buford was no match for the more experienced Cotton who was rated nationally before going into the service.

Carlo Sarlo, 144, Chicago, won a decision in six rounds over Johnny Curtiss, 146, St. Louis, in a fast affair. Ronnie Stribling, 135, Chicago, beat Wilbur Robinson, 135, Chicago, in the four round curtain raiser. 4900 fans forked over a net gate of $13,134.01.

Ron Stribling, 133½, Cedar Rapids, stopped Billy Wagner, 135, Pittsburgh, in the 7th round of a scheduled eight round feature at Rainbo Arena. This bout proved interesting as Wagner tried to outbox his opponent, but was dropped almost every time he seemed to get going. Wagner hit the canvas four times, each time for nine counts.

In another eight spot, Johnny Brown, 148, Chicago, belonging to Julius Rosengard, beat Andy Brown, 150, New Orleans, in a thrilling, but close affair. It was Johnny who threw the heavier leather to gain the split decision. Brown, a youngster who recently won over Luther Rawlings, looks like a real threat to the top welterweights.

Eddie Jones, 174, Chicago, knocked out James Chambers, 169, Chicago, in the third round. Chambers was ahead until he ran into a hard roundhouse right to the jaw. Danny Lullo, 153, Chicago, and Joe Anderson, 158, Chicago, stood toe-to-toe for four rounds and the bout was called a draw.

Johnny Colb, 142, Chicago, beat Ralph Cervantes, 139, Rockford, in a free swinging five round event. Cervantes doesn't seem to improve in his bouts. Over one thousand fans turned out for the fights.

Davey Moore, Springfield, Ohio, featherweight, has been staying in Chicago in an effort to gain bouts with the top featherweights. Moore, a youngster who has been winning with ease recently, knocked out Eddie Crawford at Columbus, Ohio, scoring an upset. In fourteen professional bouts, Moore has won 13, losing one which was a disputed decision to Russ Tague, who, he had on the deck for a nine count. All 14 of his opponents have hit the floor. Yours truly may be contacted for the youngster's services.

Al DeRose left for Miami, Florida, last month, taking with him Ralph Capone, up-and-coming featherweight. Reports received here found Capone winning two eight round bouts the first two weeks there. Capone won over Larry Boardman in eight rounds at West Palm Beach in his first start.

AROUND TOWN—Austin Davis, former lightweight star looking good and taking in the sights along Chicago's loop . . . Kid Carson, veteran trainer of many top fighters seen daily at Eddie Nichols gym teaching the entrants in the coming Golden Glove Tourney . . . Paul Anthony, looking around for a location to start promoting bouts once again.

Jack Begun is making plans for coming boxing shows at the Coliseum Arena this summer. Johnny Coulon, former bantamweight champion of the world is as popular as ever in the Windy City.

To All readers, Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book for 1954 is ready. Kindly send all orders to THE RING BOOK SHOP, at, 307 W. 49th St., New York 19, N. Y.

Attention Promoters: Yours truly represents some of the nation's top fighters. Available now are such, Davey Moore, featherweight, Johnny Brown, welterweight, Terry Book, featherweight, Eddie (Red) Cameron, heavyweight, Dick Powell, featherweight, and Arthur Wright, lightheavyweight, and many others. For boxing bouts, publicity, and news services, contact your correspondent at, 1006 West Dakin Street, Phone, Lake View 5-1723, Chicago, 13, Illinois.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

DAN BUCCERONI of Philadelphia, enhanced his position on the heavyweight championship ladder by defeating the former German and European heavyweight champion, Hein Ten Hoff, as a capacity crowd of 7,298 looked on at the Auditorium. Bucceroni was too clever, had too much experience and punched too fast for his 27 pound heavier opponent. The German's best scoring punch was a left jab. He proved his ability to take punishment and fought back gamely to make it an interesting fight. Weights, Bucceroni 188; Ten Hoff 215. Referee Daubef Jaeger. Other bouts follow:

Dick Kerber, 149¼, Milwaukee, defeated Nate Huskey, 144, Detroit, eight rounds. Referee, Richard Murphy.

Jimmy Robinson, 162½, Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Mayo, 170½, New York, in 1 minute 20 seconds of the first round. Referee, Milton Goldstein.

Damaso Collazo, 138, Havana, Cuba, defeated Bobby Brooks, 138, Detroit, six rounds. Referee, Murphy.

Terry Book, 128, Milwaukee, won a split decision over Dick Powell, 127½, Chicago, four rounds.

Dave Ragus, 215, Milwaukee, knocked out Buddy Graham, 197, Chicago, in 2 minutes 50 seconds of the third round. Referee, Goldstein.

Over 2,000 fans were turned away. A tribute to Lou Zimmerman, Andy Neiderritter and Fred Kirsch, manager of Ten Hoff for overselling the show. They contacted German societies and did a splendid job of exploitation.

Werner Schneider, Dusselldorf, Germany, a reporter for Sports Information Service, a German agency, was here from Germany to cover the fight for 25 German newspapers. The handsome 6 ft. 2 in. German said he would like to become a citizen of the USA.

At a boxing commission meeting prior to the fights, Harvey Buchanan was elected chairman to succeed Gil Jackson. Joey Sangor was elected vice-chairman. Sangor and Commissioner Goodsitt were selected to examine the benefits and cost of boxer insurance against injury and death and report back at next meeting.

Ted Olla of Milwaukee won the state middleweight title by defeating Al Andrews of Superior in a 12-round bout at the Milwaukee Arena. Although both fighters tired at times it was a slambang battle all the way. Andrews outscored Olla but the latter's heavier punching caught the eyes of the officials to get the "duke." The weights were, Olla, 159; Andrews, 151.

Jed Black, 144½, Janesville, beat Emerson Butcher, 145¼, Rock Island, Ill., eight rounds. Referee, Dick Murphy.

Alan Moody, 149½, Chicago, won by a technical knockout over Ralph Alvarez, 144, St. Paul, in 2 minutes 5 seconds of second round. Referee, Sam Cianciola.

Dick Kerber, 148½, Milwaukee, won by a technical knockout over Jimmy Perrault, 144¼, St. Paul, in 1:55 of fourth round. Referee, Cianciola.

The cancer fund received $1,000 from the $16,820 gate.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

PROFESSIONAL boxing made its return to Louisville last month with two pro-shows.

In the first show Larry Mullins, making his first appearance here since getting out of the Army, found Tommy Bain of Indianapolis too much to handle and dropped a decision to the Hoosier. In the other pro-show Ben Burkhead, 144, Charleston, Ind., scored a technical knockout over Johnny Albert, 138, Paterson, N. J., in the feature bout at the Savoy Gym. Promoter Jimmy Dell had capacity crowds for both of the shows and he now says he will run most every week.

The writer's address is 215 N. 35th Street, Louisville 12, Ky.

IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

JACK DEMPSEY must surely be an inspiring figure to professional fighters thinks matchmaker Mel Epstein after what happened on January 4th at Billings. The Midland Empire Athletic Club with Mel Epstein making matches, brought Dempsey in to referee the show featuring Don Rogers of Portland, Oregon and Freedie "Babe" Herman of Los Angeles, California and his presence did much to stimulate interest.

The first fight brought together Eddie Lockett of Butte and Don McCormies of Billings. Lockett dumped Don in the second round followed by Buddy Sloan, Butte middleweight, getting draped over the ropes in the first round by Ernie Hunick of Salt Lake.

The next fight a six round bout W. C. Cage of Portland and Jim "Tiger" Ivy of the air base at Great Falls. W. C. came out of his corner swinging at the opening gong and the "Tiger" went out in a hurry after receiving a few socks in the stomach.

In the ten round semi-windup between Chuck Ross of Portland and Jimmy Dodd, Ross belted big Jim on the whiskers in the very first round and out went Dodd for the full count. Then in came Rogers and Herman with Dempsey acting as the third man in the ring for the ten round main event. Now on paper one would think that Rogers would at least be able to stay about five rounds because it was the same Rogers who not so long ago beat Chief Archie Whitewater, gave Eddie Chavez a tough ten round tussle, drew with Tote Martinez and beat other name fighters. Herman, however, was not to be denied a quick knockout as he stowed the Portland fighter away in the middle of the second round.

In spite of a terrific storm, the fight card in Butte on Monday night, January 18, did close to a $5000 net house. Eddie Lockett, the fast improving mining city featherweight, outboxed the more experienced Junior Best of Salt Lake in the opening preliminary while Ernie Hunick duplicated the Billings encounter with Buddy Sloan by taking two rounds to drop the local slugger in a wild match that had the fans screaming with joy long as this Donnybrook lasted.

A whale of a ten round lightweight semi-windup bout saw Jimmy Grow of Boise edge out a very close decision over Joey Maldonado of Topeka, Kansas.

The ten round bout listed as the main event between topnotch Glen Flanagan and Bobby Bickle, was overshadowed by the Maldonado-Grow scrap. Although hard fought, there was too much clinching and ineffective punching to be a pleasant bout to watch. Flanagan gained the decision.

BOXING IN SOUTH TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

PROMOTER Ralph Smith has shifted fistic headquarters to Galveston, which is a forty-five minute drive from downtown Houston. It leaves Houston dark for the first time in many months. During 1953, Houston fight fans had the opportunity of witnessing a bang up fight card every Tuesday night, with the exception of December 22, when Promoter Smith shut down for the Xmas holidays. However, Smith definitely plans to run a fight card every Tuesday night in Galveston, unless the City Auditorium has previously been committed to someone else on a particular Tuesday evening. The Galveston arena has a seating capacity of some 4,000; with genial Ralph Smith in the driver's seat, professional boxing should flourish in the Isle City.

Galveston, City Auditorium—Boxing got off to a fine start on January 5, in Galveston, when Promoter Smith held his opening fight card before a fine turnout. In the feature attraction, Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 160, Houston, outhustled the lanky Oklahoma City Indian, Earle Keel, 166, to take a close ten round decision. It was very definitely one of Longoria's better performances, and the big redskin from Oklahoma could never seem to find the range.

In the semi-windup, Lloyd Nelson, 154, Houston, came through with a fine win by edging veteran Johnny Wells, 147, Boston, in a hard fought six rounder. In another six, Joe Vasquez, 140, Houston, banged out a win over Tony Garcia, 135, Monterrey.

In fours, Jimmy Kinnard, 128, Houston, dropped a real thriller to Bobby Henry, 125, Orange. This great action battle brought the crowd to their feet on several occasions. In the curtain raiser, Lee Keel, 138, Oklahoma City, won over Tony Gonzales, 142, Houston. Keel, younger brother of main eventer Earle, was making his pro debut.

For his January 12 presentation at Galveston, Promoter Smith featured two eight rounders, plus a bang up undercard. In the top eight, aggressive little Bobby Garza, 132, Corpus Christi, always a crowd pleaser, banged away continuously at the rugged Hector Bacuetes, 136, New Orleans, in an old fashioned pier six brawl. At the end of the gruelling affair there was little to choose between the two sluggers, and a draw verdict was given. Bacuetes, a real tough guy, made a fast finish and dropped Garza for a short count in the seventh round to draw up even.

In the co-eight, Stanley Jones, 158, Houston, dropped a decision to the tall Joe Dorsey, 163, New Orleans. This was their fourth meeting. The first ended in a six round draw, Jones kayoed Dorsey in five the next time, then Dorsey came back to take a close one in six, and now the eight round affair. This was by far the tamest.

In a special six rounder, Otho Sligar, 140, Houston, chalked another fine win since coming under the direction of Perry Payne, by outhustling Vince Bonamo, 136, New Orleans. Sligar is rounding into top shape, and a fine left jab kept the Crescent City prospect off balance the biggest part of the fight. The fans liked this one.

In the most thrilling battle of the night, Bobby Henry, 126, Orange, scored a sensational fourth round kayo over Mutt Dennis, 125, Houston. Henry had to get off the deck to win, but fought like a tiger after climbing up. In the fourth, Henry crashed home a terrific right hand. Dennis toppled forward on his face, he was up at nine but reeling. The referee wisely called a halt.

In the curtain raiser, Lee Keel, 136, Oklahoma City, made it two in a row since joining the punch for pay ranks, by taking Tony Gonzales, 142, Houston, in four fast rounds.

Tino "The Bull" Longoria, Houston, was counted out for the first time in his life at the Galveston City Auditorium January 19, when Billy LeBlanc, the New Orleans Frenchman hung a left uppercut on his jaw in the seventh round of the ten round main go. It marked only the second time that the rough tough Bull had ever been off his feet. Nenos Solomon was the only other to ever turn the trick, and Longoria got off the floor to beat Solomon. It was something of an upset, but then those who know the courageous LeBlanc (See Ring Magazine, November 1953, Courage Above All), realize what a great fighting heart can do, (plus a good hard left hand, of course). Longoria scaled 160, LeBlanc 165.

In the six round semi-final, Paul "Baby" Valdez, 145, Houston, dropped a close one to the classy hard hitting Al Vilafara, 142, New Orleans. Valdez, despite an injured ankle, made an interesting fight of it, and was the aggressor for the most part. However, nothing must be taken away from the sharp punching New Orleans southpaw, who won the fight, and looked the part that he is, a fine young prospect.

In another bout scheduled for six rounds, the fast improving Bobby Henry, 125, Orange, stopped Houston's thrill providing prelim boy, Jimmy Kinnard, 128, in the third round. Both boys were hammering away at each other until midway in the third when Henry decked Kinnard with a right hand to the jaw, the Houston slugger was up, decked again, up, and dropped for the third time by a smashing right. Kinnard, apparently knocked cold, managed to regain his feet at nine and though wobbly he was ready to get with it again. The referee sensing that one more blow would end it, stepped in, deciding Kinnard had enough.

In a pier six brawl, Vince Bonamo, 140, New Orleans, took a unanimous four round decision over Rocky Romair, 145, Houston. In the four round opener, Lee Keel, 138, Oklahoma City, won over veteran Frankie Wallace, 142, Houston, thereby remaining in the undefeated ranks.

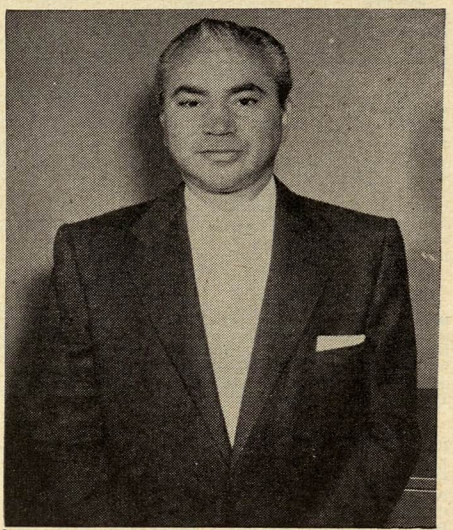
There were no fights on January 26, at least as far as the pros were concerned, as the Golden Glove boys took over that evening.

TEXAS FIGHT CHATTER—Galveston fight fans are eagerly awaiting the return to the ring wars of Eddie Bertolino, the Isle City cutey. Only 24 years old, the ringwise Bertolino, figures to make same of the States top lightweights move over, now that he is training daily, and getting in top shape.

Perry Payne, Houston fight manager, is currently on the West Coast with Otho Sligar, Bobby Henry, and Lorenzo Garcia. Sligar, a veteran fighter, has worked himself into top shape, and was anxious for the trip to the Coast. Good luck, boys.

Main eventers as well as prelim boys are urged and invited to drop me a line. Talent is needed down this way. Write me at 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?
Barney Ross



Restlessness seems to be part and parcel of Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world. Barney never has been one to "stay put" very long in one place. He's got to be up and doing. Just about the time his colorful ring career ended, along came World War II, and Ross promptly enlisted in the Marines. His craving for adventure and excitement was well taken care of by his grim, heroic experiences in the South Pacific. With the return of peace, Barney has had a difficult time finding something to appease his appetite for constant action. He has taken fliers in various ventures—touring the country as fight referee, operating a New York restaurant, and recently, acting as public relations representative for singing star Eddie Fisher and his manager, Milton Blackstone, who also has the Grossinger Hotel account. It has been interesting work, and Ross has done a fine job, but now he feels the old urge to be up and moving again. He has just contracted with Maurie Waxman to arrange a personal appearance tour for him, with refereeing assignments (wrestling as well as boxing) as the feature of the itinerary, and lectures on juvenile delinquency and the dreaded narcotics evil as other items on the agenda.

BOXING IN BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

ESTADIO NORTE—Fighting for the Rosario championship Marcelo Ferri (172) defeated Antonio Monnez (175) by K. O. in 3 rounds.

Lomas Park—Augustín Villafañe (147) halted Baby Tigre (148) in 4, of a ten rounder.

Cordoba Sport—The Cordoba champ, José Sarro, (125) drew with Rafael Amaya (125) in 10 rounds.

Olavarría—The Spaniard José M. Valdés, drew with Eduardo Moyano.

Catamarca—Ramón Rosa Gómez (141) won a 10 round decision over Hugo Benitez (140).

Mendoza—Orlando Astorga (144) drew with Frederico Guerra (147) in 10 rounds.

Luna Park—Oscar Acefe lost his fight by no-contest in the 10 rounds of a match of 12 against Alfonso Moreno.

Estadio Norte—José Balbi (134) defeated Porfirio Cabrera (132) in 10 rounds. He is now the new champ of his weight.

Cordoba Sport—Armando Rizzo (136) easily outpointed the Córdoba champion, Humberto Madariaga, (137) in 10.

Tucumán—The Argentine champion, Eduardo Lausse, (160) won his twelfth straight of 1953 against Rufino Farias, (158), K.O.'d 9.

Mar del Plata—Antonio Díaz (160) and Tito Janni (160) drew in a ten round fight.

Lomas Park—Adalberto Ochoa (146) outpointed Agustín Villafañe (146) in ten rounds.

Salón del Deporte, Bahía Blanca—The Chilean, Luis Fuentealba, (135) defeated Nelson Falappa (134) in 10 rounds.

Luna Park—For the heavyweight championship in a 12 round fight, Reinaldo Ansaloni (183) knocked Angel Cassano (181) out during the 4th round. Cassano was floored in the 2nd and 3rd.

Luna Park—The unbeaten Jorge F. Fernández (145) knocked Sergio Bertone (145) out in the 5th round. Manuel Martínez (144) outpointed the famous tiger, José M. Gatica (145).

Mendoza—In a 10 rounder the champion Pascual Pérez (108) defeated the Chilean, Hernán Rojas, (112) by K. O. in the 2nd.

Estadio Bristol—Alfredo Ramírez (127) and Gerard Pino (126) drew in 10 rounds. Oscar Paez (145) halted Hugo Benitez in the 8th.

Lomas Park—Eliseo Tronsco (175) defeated Francisco Negrone (182) in 10 rounds. Elías Fernández (125) drew with Emilio Peirano (125) in 6 rounds.

Oscar Pita won the Argentine 146-lb title, defeating Alfonso Moreno in 12 rounds. Ramón Vera (145) won from Tucho Gómez (144) in 8 rounds.

Mendoza—Dante Pereira (160) won over Juan C. Zalazar (162) in the 9th round.

Luna Park—Atilio Caraune (172) won the Argentine light heavyweight championship when he knocked Antonio Facenza (173) out in the 9th.

Lomas Park—Adalberto Ochoa (146) defeated José M. Valdez (146) in the 3rd round of a main event.

Santa Fe—Américo Bonetti (134) defeated Alberto Romero (136) by K. O. in the 9th.

Paraná—Eladio Herrera (160) knocked out Rodolfo Díaz (162) in the 9th.

Córdoba Sport—Unbeaten Osvaldo Paredes (134) drew with Humberto Madariaga (134) in 10 rounds.

Luna Park—Alfredo Ramírez (128) outpointed Blas Conde (128). Natalio Sztein (134) defeated Héctor Fernández (140) by K. O. in the 4th. Esteban Julio Ocampo (138) knocked Hugo Urrea (135) out in the 5th.

Luna Park—The unbeaten Juan Campos (130) outpointed Mario Rotundo (130) in 10 rounds. Pedro Miranda, also unbeaten, (120) defeated Ramón Stronati (126) in 10 rounds. Alvaro Tozzi (148) won over Agustín Villafañe (148) in the 9th.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

(*Continued from page* 36)

is close to the 200-pound mark. But that weight would give me more stamina in wrestling.

As a professional boxer he fought some of the best in the heavyweight ranks, was head sparring partner for world's lightheavy champion Billy Conn and world's heavyweight titlist Rocky Marciano. He was rising in the business—but his weight was too.

So he made the tough decision. He switched to the mat—

Today, six foot one inch in height and 240 pounds, Gardenia has wrestled in 48 states, all the Canadian provinces and has met such men as Verne Gagne, Denny McShain, Gorgeous George, Earl McCready, Billy Darnell, Bobby Managoff, Baron Leone, Lord Layton and others.

He follows a tough, hard-hitting style and rarely reverts to boxing and starts to throw a kayo sock. When it does happen it usually ends in what Gardenia terms an "unfortunate situation." He gets disqualified and banished from the ring—while his "victorious" opponent is out cold on the mat. Today Gardenia has his sights set on two titles. He wants the heavyweight crown held by Lou Thesz and the world's tag team title held by the Sharpe Brothers of Hamilton.

"Sure," says the rugged Italian whose family came from Pescara in Italy. "I can't win that by myself—but I'll win it just the same. Tony will help me. Yeah, Tony. My brother. He's older than me and he stands five feet ten inches. But he weighs 260 pounds. He and old Chief War Eagle taught me to wrestle."

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By Max Yeargain

JIMMY NIXON, American Legion promoter, has professional boxing on the upward swing here in the Heart of America with shows making money at Kansas City, Wichita and Topeka.

As we go to press, Nixon has Jimmy Welch, Columbus, Ohio, light heavyweight, who recently beat Irish Bob Murphy at St. Louis and lost a hard fought scrap to Holly Mimms at Miami, is scheduled to meet Chief Alvin Williams the hard hitting Caddo Indian from Oklahoma City at Wichita's Forum.

Every boxing fan and manager is missing a big bet if he doesn't buy one of The Ring Magazine's new annual on "TV FIGHTS." It is by far the greatest publication of its kind on the newsstands today. Your writer bought his at Spillum's newsstand in far away Butte, Montana. I have looked for them on Kansas' newsstands and unable to obtain other, so placed orders for more as the sports editors on the newspapers in this section want them. Also remember the new Record book is out. It's a dandy.

Send your notes to Max Yeargain, 2101 Potomac Drive, Topeka, Kansas.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By Walt Marlow

I REGRET to report there has been no fistic action in the Maritimes the past month, with Maritime fighters in U.S.A. rings. Johnny Eubanks decisioned Roger Whynott in 10 rounds underneath the 'Gil Turner versus Pierre Langlois' feature. Eddie Springer, the Duluth fighter decisioned Gary Simon in 10 rounds at West Palm Beach, Florida. Clem Florio won a 6 round decision over Cobey McCluskey at Brooklyn, New York. Yvon Durelle journed to Calgary, fighting a 12 round draw with Doug Harper, Canadian light heavyweight Champion.

Wanted: Would like to hear from a trainer who may be interested in a proposition to train amateur fighters.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By Billy Colbert

THE greatest Golden Gloves tournament ever staged here resulted in the following champions being crowned:

Bill Demry, 112, Phyllis Wheatley House, is the fly weight champion.

Chuck Harris of Phyllis, Wheatley House, is the bantam weight king.

Nick Torrex of Phyllis, Wheatley House, is the featherweight champion. He was the winner last year and won it again in the city title race.

Jerry Longie of Phyllis, Wheatley House, won the lightweight title.

Dick Stokes of Wheatley House, won the welter title.

Ray Wells of Wheatley House won the middleweight title.

Don Baruch of Wheatley House won the 175 pound title.

Harold Johnson of Citizens Club won the heavyweight title.

Harry Davis of Phyllis Wheatley House coach won the teak championship.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

FRANKIE FERNANDEZ, veteran Puerto Rican welterweight, reached the height of his comeback trail by scoring a lopsided TKO victory over Philip Kim in the sixth round at the Civic Auditorium February 2. The fight was discontinued. It wasn't stopped by the referee or the physician, when Kim's manager, Eisho Toyama, refused to let his boy out for that round. A badly swollen left eye, the size of a small tomato, was the only reason for stopping the fight for Kim, though badly battered, was still strong enough to continue.

The bruising battle, the first promotion of one Hugh Finlay, was witnessed by a packed house of 5,334 fans for the largest boxing gathering in the last two years. Gross gate receipt was $12,321.44.

Both fighters weighed 143¾ pounds.

Other results: Dickie Wong, 150, won over Dalfus Brown, 148¾, 4 rds. Rocky Kansas, 137¾, scored a knockout over Josiah Lili, 142, in the third of four. In a heavyweight match, Charles Kalani, 229½, beat Joe Cantrades, 176, 4 rds. Alfonso Palpallactoc, 116½, TKO'ed Ernest Sylva, 116, in the second of four. Palpallatoc really impressed the fans in his first pro fight and appears to be a boy who would bear watching.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Jim Echols

AFTER an absence of several months, boxing returned to Turner's Arena under the promotional guidance of Vince McMahon. Vince's opening card for the New Year featured D. C.'s battling featherweight, Gene Smith, in a headline ten against New York's Jimmy Ithia. It was a good scrap but only proved to many fistic fans here that Smith is no longer showing the fistic ability that made him the promising prospect of several years back.

Ithia stayed for nine and two-thirds rounds and didn't look bad in the process. Smith still is a good fast puncher but his shots didn't possess the dynamite to put Ithia on the deck. In the last stanza Smith got a shot at Ithia's chin and decked him for the count of eight but when he arose, the referee decided that that was enough. Time of TKO, 1:57 in 10th. Smith scaled in at 129 to Ithia's 126.

A good six round semi-windup featured Jimmy Cooper, 127, D. C. and Baby Beau Jack, 127, New York City, in a rousing contest that ended in a draw verdict. It was touch and go for the entire six rounds and just afew points separated the boys throughout the battle.

In a four rounder, Kid Saucer, 187, D. C., won a unanimous duke over Flako Langford, 190., D. C. In other prelims, Tommy Thompson, 170, won over tough Sid Barry, 163, Bronx, in four.

IDAHO FISTIC FACTS

By Hugh Sutton

ONTARIO, Oregon. . . . After a long layoff, because of a tonsillectomy, Harley Breshears, the Parma "Puncher", was back in action again, against Ken Kaas of Missoula.

Breshears proved to be back in his true form of being a KO artist. Kaas only lasted 2:32 of the 3rd. Although Kaas had reach and weight on Breshears, it seemed to be of no advantage to the Missoula boy. Breshears came in at 179, while Kaas tipped the scales at 180.

Vancouver, B. C. . . . Mickey Rhodes, the tow-headed welter out of Boise, lost a very close and much talked about decision to Johnny Salkeld of Vancouver.

Rhodes gave Salkeld a boxing lesson eight rounds long and then was dropped for the five-count in the ninth and lost the tenth also. The attendance was 1,503.

Butte. . . . Jimmy Grow, the Boise Junior College lightweight, added another victory to his list by winning a split decision over Joey Maldonado, the popular Denver lad who has been going great guns until the Grow incident. This makes the last nine fights end in Grow's favor, five of them the KO route.

Pendleton, Oregon. . . . Fighting on a March of Dimes card, Harley Breshears made fast work with Mickey Williams of Payette, Idaho. Two rounds is all that Williams could stand, after a few iron-bar left jabs followed by a few of those sizzling straight rights, that Breshears possesses. In this fight both boys came in at 180.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F. O'Brian

FIGHTING with the confidence expected of the champion rather than of the challenger, youthful New Zealand welterweight champion Barry Brown stopped Gerald Dreyer (South Africa) in the seventh round at Wellington, New Zealand. Dreyer, defending the British Empire welter crown he had won from Welshman Cliff Curvis a year earlier, was never in the hunt.

Barry Brown, at 22 years of age, had fought only 13 professional contests prior to meeting Dreyer. His opponents included a varied assortment of local, Australian and overseas opposition, among whom probably only Ivor Germaine, the West Indian, could be regarded as approaching top class. Brown had beaten the lot, and decisively.

From the very first round, when Brown, who is actually a natural right-hander shaping up southpaw, jabbed Dreyer's head back with his long, educated right hand, the Empire king knew that this was no hometown "push-over."

Dreyer split round two, and won the third session. Thereafter, although he contrived to camp on a troublesome-looking cut over Brown's right eye, the Empire champion generally ran second. Trouble started in round six when Brown dropped a savage right hook onto the side of Dreyer's head. As Gerry began to fall, Brown followed him in with a short inside left, and Dreyer hit the boards with a thump. But by the time the referee had ordered Brown to a neutral corner and turned his attention to the stricken Dreyer, the bell had sounded to end the round.

The 60-second respite was insufficient for the fallen champion, however. Within a few seconds of the start of the seventh session, Dreyer was on the canvas again from a battery of blows, in which that flashing right hook featured prominently. On rising after the eight-count, Dreyer was clearly a beaten fighter—his defence was non-existent. Brown, in his big moment, did not become excited and scramble his punches. Standing up his man with a right jab, he fired in a left cross then another slashing right which dumped Dreyer back on the floor. As Gerry tried to regain his feet, his eyes glazed in defeat, referee Phin Stone halted the bout and awarded the decision—and the British Empire 147 lb. crown—to Brown, who thus becomes the second Empire titleholder from the small Dominion (Bos Murphy, who beat Britisher Vince Hawkins for the middleweight title six years ago, was the first).

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

FALL RIVER—Tommy Tibbs, 124½, of Boston took a warmup bout prior to meeting unbeaten Harold Gomes, of Providence, for the New England Featherweight Championship and jeopardized his chances when he lost in a tremendous upset at the Fall River Casino to Eddie Freeman, 132, a cutey from Philadelphia. Tibbs was a ten to six favorite.

Gordon Ifel, 164, Boston, kayoed Henry Young, 161¼, Fall River, (1). Al Frias, 149½, Fall River, TKO'd Joe Arruda, 145, Fall River, (3). Billy Burke, 185, Providence, TKO'd Tony Stroller, 190, Fall River, (1). Dave Carter, 141, Providence, kayoed Norman Shaw, 149½, Fall River, (1).

Boston—Curley Monroe, 137, Worcester, outpointed Freddie Monforte, 138, Brooklyn, (10). It was unanimous for Monroe.

Lou Thrasher, 192, Boston, and Eddie Woodhouse, 187½, Boston, fought to a four round draw. It was a good fight.

Joe Guzzetti, 134, Watertown, scored a first round knockout over Hughie O'Rourke, 127, of Worcester.

Carle (Rocky) Leone, 132, Dorchester, former New England Amateur featherweight champion, looked very good in outpointing Albert Duarte, 137, of New Bedford. Leone who has won eight fights since turning pro and undefeated, is headed for the big time.

Eddie Andrews, 151½, Lowell, scored a TKO over Joe O'Connell, 157¼, Lowell, (1). In the eight round semi-final, Tommy Smith, 155, Providence, outpointed Jackie Wilson, 153, Quincy, (8). Looked like Wilson was down too much in weight.

Boston—Tony DeMarco, Boston, 143½, won over Wilbur Wilson, 145, Roxbury, in the main bout at the Boston Gardens, before a crowd of almost 9000 fans. It was a poor match for Wilson who had to make 145.

The crowd paid a gross gate of $22,900 with the net $17,120. In the eight round semi-final of eight rounds Windmill Willie Gray, 150, lost a tough one to Joe Grimard of Bath, Maine, who weighed 160. Carlo (Rocky) Leone, 132, Dorchester, won a unanimous decision over Myrel Olmstead, 129, Springfield, (6). Junior Washington, 177, San Francisco, got a draw with Roger Wiley, 176, Beverly Farms, (6). Johnny O'Brien, 156½, Cambridge, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Andrews, 153½, Lowell, (6).

Boston—The Jack Murphy banquet conducted by the Boxing Managers' Guild at the Latin Quarters, was a most welcome, yet long over-due testimonal. When it came time for the 79 year old boxing veteran to take his well deserved bow, he ducked the issue and called for the gathering to say a few prayers for Johnny Buckley, who is in the hospital. It was a grand tribute. As Guild president, Johnny Clinton phrased it: "Jack never made a million dollars, but he made a million friends. The entire delegation from the State boxing commission—Henry Lamar, Joe Reardon, Bob McBrine and Leo Conlon—joined more than a dozen sport writers. A score of ex-boxers and more than 200 friends in wishing Jack everything that is good.

Worcester—Augie Salazar, 137, San Francisco, slammed colorful Curley Monroe's ribs red raw as they fought to a spectacular and unanimous 10 round draw at Mechanics Hall. The Mexican, who has been here in Boston but a few days, had Monroe in a bad way. What's more, the Mexican did the most damage.

Jimmie Mattos, 148½, Lawrence, scored a four round technical knockout over Bob Carrington, 145, Boston, in the six round semi final.

In four round preliminaries, Rudy Hilson, 141, Boston, scored a decision over Vince Brown, 148, Providence.

Phil Violette, 154, Cambridge, won a decision over Larry Marino, 149, Providence. Denny Goslow, 145, Laurel Hill, scored a technical knockout at 2.35 of the third round over Anthony Antonio, 140, of Providence.

Fall River—Gene La Blanc, 147½, Veteran Fall River, who has been fighting for quite some time is doing all right for himself. He gave a very good account of himself when he pounded out unanimous eight round decision over Don Southern, of Newport, Rhode Island. It was the first setback for Southern who was outclassed by the veteran Gene La Blanc.

Al Frias, 147½, Fall River, outpointed Toby Silvia, 153, Fall River, (8). Bob Bolton, Fall River, 160, kayoed Billy Brown, 161½, Fall River, (8). Chico Rocha, 152, Fall River, TKO'd Tom Walsh, 152, Fall River, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Fall River—Clarence Williams, 151½, kayoed Eddie Silvia, 145½, of New Bedford, in 2.50 of the sixth round. Bobby English, 140, Fall River, outpointed Al Duarte, New Bedford, 138, (8). Al Frias, 147, Fall River, kayoed Vince Brown, in the third round of the eight. Eddie Campbell, 133½, Pawtucket, stopped Charlie Veloza, 128 Fall River, (4). Chico Rocha, 152, Fall River, TKO winner over Art Bolinda, 149, Brocton, (1).

Worcester—Holmes gains decision over Salazar. Only 220 watch bouts. Graham Holmes, of Hartford, 139, withstood the swarming body barrages of San Francisco's Augie Salazar, and counter punched his way to unanimous decision in a ten round light weight bout thriller before a slim crowd o. 220 fans at Mechanics Hall. In an action filled semi-final six rounder Gus Monteverde, 149, Fitchburg, scored a unanimous decision over Jimmy Mattos, 148, Lawrence. Junior Washington, 172, San Francisco, gained a unanimous decision over Roger Wiley, 173½ Beverley Farms, (6). Denny Goslow, 145, Worcester, was awarded a TKO over Everett Dobson, 149, Worcester, in the opening four rounder, when referee Eddie Urbec, stopped the fight after 1.20 of the second round as Dobson seemed unable to defend himself.

Portland, Maine—Jolting Joe Grimard, Bath, knocked out Charlie Chase, Montreal, in 1.22 of the ninth round, of their scheduled ten in the Expo Bldg., with a right that echoed back to the third row of seats. Grimard weighed 162, to Chase's 166. Babe McCarron, Bangor, scored a TKO over Johnny Walker, Dover, New Hampshire, in 45 seconds of the fourth round in the scheduled six round semi-final. McCarron weighed 150, Walker 143.

Classy Dick Redmond, Portland, scored his second pro victory when he knocked out Duke White, Somersworth, N. H. in 1.28 of the fourth of five rounds in the top prelim. At 145, Redman had a four pound edge in the weights.

Sonny Nichols, 193, of Portland threw only two punches but they got him a knockout over Harry Downs, 177, of Biddeford, in 1.20 of the first round of a scheduled four.

Dick Carver, 165, South Portland, knocked out Tony Frennette, 169½, of Biddeford, in 55 seconds of the second round of the opening four.

Fall River—Tommy Tibbs, 127, Boston, outpunched and outboxed Harold Gomes, 126, Providence, in the Main Bout at the Fall River Casino. It was a very exciting night for Gomes who tasted his first defeat.

Billy Burke, 185, Providence, R. I. outpointed Lou Thrasher, 190, Boston, (6). Al Smith, 124, Boston, outpointed Young Willis, 122, Providence, (6). Chico Rocha, 152, Fall River, TKO'd Roland Gomes, 152, Bridgeport, Conn., (4). Young Carlos, 222, Providence, kayoed Vic Zirona, 190, Fall River, (1).

Augusta, Maine—Smitty Hicks, 159, Portland, outpointed Bert Gagnon, 150, Lewiston, (10). It now makes Hicks, middleweight champion of the State of Maine. In a semi-final five, Butsy Gallant, 149, Mexico, decisioned Lenny West, 144, of Portland, Main. Danny Sullivan, 137, Portland, defeated Mickey Dillon, 132, Portland, in a four round preliminary.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

GEORGIE ARAUJO returned to action after a well needed rest. Curly Monroe, spunky Worcester lightweight, opposed Araujo in a super thriller. Rhody's leading pugilist showed some of that old spark that led to a title match with James Carter. Georgie copped the duke.

Promoter Manny Almeida is staging weekly shows at the Arcadia in Providence and at the Casino in Fall River.

Lou Pieri almost packed the R. I. Auditorium with a match between Baron Michele Leone and Argentine Rocca. Pieri planned an amateur boxing show for the March of Dimes, but had to substitute an ice carnival and raised $1500.

Harold "Chubby" Gomes, youthful local feather, dropped his first decision to heavier Tommy Tibbs. Irish Pat Caddick, local welter, was very impressive in his two KO victories. Buck Herzoc, trainer of former champion Jackie CALLURA, is training Pat Caddick.

Belting Billie Burke, local heavy, scored his sixth consecutive win and we choose him for the prospect of the month. Manager Norm Lang is doing a fine job with him.

Steve Marcello, New England welter king, hasn't shaken the jinx that's hampered his fistic rise. Steve suffered a cut due to a head butt which forced the doctor to call a halt in his bout with Govan Small of Oakland, Calif., at the end of two rounds.

Dennis (Pat) Ready, Hartford lightweight beat Ban Miloud, French Moraco. Teddy "Red Top" Davis beat Jose Morrell, N. Y., in ten.

Bill Gilliam, Orange, N. J., heavy, gained a split over spunky Chubby Wright, Philly heavy, in ten.

Henry Jordan, Philly welter, outsmarted Willie Johnson, Orange, in ten.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

AMATEUR boxing predominated in Virginia's fistic activity last month. The Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Norfolk, presented an action-packed card. Chief Bill Brennan, formerly of the USS Mississippi, now attached to the Norfolk Shore Patrol, handled the matchmaking chores, with the aid of Chief Jimmy Kelly, coach of the Air Station of Norfolk.

In the feature bout, John Caruso, 146, won a closely fought bout over Bob Hopkins, 147.

Harry Baldassare, USS Mississippi, won a 3rd round TKO victory over Don McCutchins, NAS, in 11 seconds of the 3rd round. . . . Worley Farmer, NAS, won a 1st round KO over Gerry Cohen, Little Creek, in 48 seconds.

John Runk, Va. Beach, won decision over Frank Jakubsic, Destroyer Force. . . . Six other bouts helped supply the 986 paid admissions with an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Amphibious Force Gator boxers scored a clean sweep in the Rockwell Hall on the Amphibious Base, at Little Creek, Va. Don Lee, All-Navy Heavyweight, won a 2nd rd. KO over Charles Howze in the feature.

"Meet the Champ" was filmed for future distribution at Ft. Myer, Va. Service participants were from various local stations engaged in the new TV show. Don Lee, All-Navy of 1953, lost a close decision to Warrenell Lester, G.G. champ of Washington, D. C. in 1953. . . . Frank Buckman, 157, lost a thrilling decision to Warren Peterson. . . . Shep Lindsay lost a 1st rd. KO to Richard Hill and George Bauer, 135, G.G. champ of Kenosha, Wis., won over Alton Allen, 134, of Fort Bragg.

Your writer had the pleasure of hearing from one of the former fistic greats, and my friend, Harry "Kid" Brown, formerly a star lightweight. Harry is an active member of the Philadelphia V. B. A. He is also a successful contractor, owning the Keystone Home Improvement Co.

RINGSIDE NOTES: Harry Cortese, Ser Lant boxing coach, predicts that his star 118 pounder, Nick Lara, will win the All-Navy crown this year. Joey DePhillips, terrific punching welter, has received his discharge from the Navy last month. He changed his mind, and does not intend to box professionally, as previously reported. Lt. Mike Capriano, boxing coach at Camp Lejuene, reports he has a stable of 20 boys all weights. Service teams can get matches by just writing him. Manager Emmett Jacobs is Virginia's most active professional manager.

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

THE long rumored and long awaited news of a new fight club in Spokane, errupted on the local sports scene with a king-sized bang, with the announcement of the new license issued to Gus Cozza, promoter and Joey August, matchmaker. The new club looks like the best pro boxing setup in Spokane in many years. A new gymnasium is to be opened as we go to press. All new equipment, including two rings, steam room, etc. The gym will be under management of Chuck Woods, one of of the best trainers and handlers of fighters on the Pacific Coast. . . . Television setup is under consideration and may become a reality. . . . The new club matchmaker can be reached addressed as follows—Joey August Distributors, 340 West Trent Ave.

This will mean two active fight club licenses in Spokane with Tex Hager and Hat Freeman heading the other club which promotes wrestling weekly and occasional fights. The new club has promised the commission regular fight shows on at least a bi-monthly schedule.

Also in the making are two or more new small clubs in adjacent territory, principally Sand Point, Idaho, seventy miles from Spokane. A license has been ok'd there, with yours truly making the matches. Kennewick Chinese Gardens Arena was dark in December and January, but resumes operating this month.

Next issue should have some real good news from here with all the dope on both clubs and the new gym.

EVERLAST

REG US PAT OFF.

used by more great champions than all other makes combined

You see them in Madison Square Garden, in the leading boxing arenas, on TV, and on the sporting pages nearly every day — silk fighting trunks bearing the world-famous EVERLAST label. Splendidly tailored with special reinforcing at the crotch for the protection cup, and specially shaped to conform with the demands of the referees. Available in standard stock colors: Black with red trim, purple with blue trim, white with black trim, black with white trim, scarlet with white trim, royal with gold trim. All other colors to order. Order size by waist measurement. Available at practically all the better sporting goods stores, or write EVERLAST SPORTING GOODS MFG. CO., INC., 26 East 14th Street, New York 3, N. Y.

SILK FIGHTING TRUNKS

No. OST — Made of high quality Skinner's satin No. 8217 **$6.50 pr.**

In quantities of 6 or more of any one color combination .... **$6.00 pr.**

No. OSNT — Made of high quality Celanese Playtwill ..... **$5.00 pr.**

In quantities of 6 or more of any one color combination .... **$4.50 pr.**

BOXING RING ROBES

The sleeves are made wider than those of ordinary bathrobes to allow the removal of the robe without having to take off the fighting gloves. Available in any two-color combination (standard colors).

No. SBR—Made of high quality No. 8217 Skinner's Satin. Each **$32.00**

No. CBR—Made of high quality Celanese Playtwill. Each **$21.00**

Terry Cloth Robes

Made of a heavy-weight terry cloth material to provide maximum absorption.

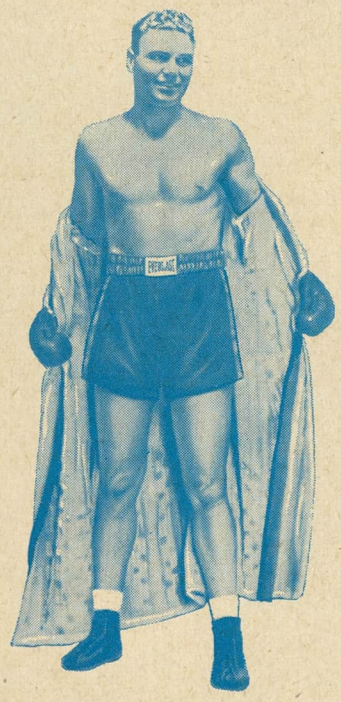
No. TCR—White only.... **$15.00**

"Terry-Lined" Robes

The most luxurious robe made for boxers. Our model SBR and CBR robes made with a heavy-weight terry cloth lining.

No. SBRT **$42.00**

No. CBRT **$35.00**



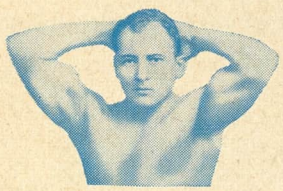
EVERLAST

REG US PAT OFF.

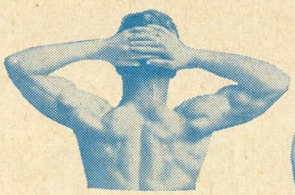
TRUNKS & ROBES

26 EAST 14th STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

HERE'S THE KIND OF MEN I BUILD:

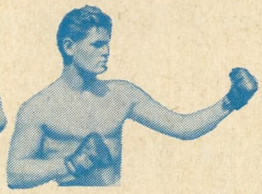


Five inches of new muscle—"My arms increased 1½"; chest 2½"; forearms ⅞"."—C. W., W. Va.

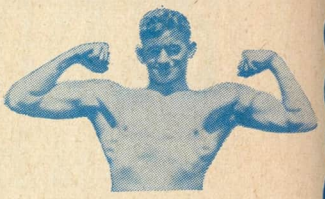


"What a difference! Have put 3½ inches on my chest (normal) and 2½ inches expanded."—F. S. New York

A. H., Kansas—Atlas Silver Cup Winner Most improvement in 3 months' period.

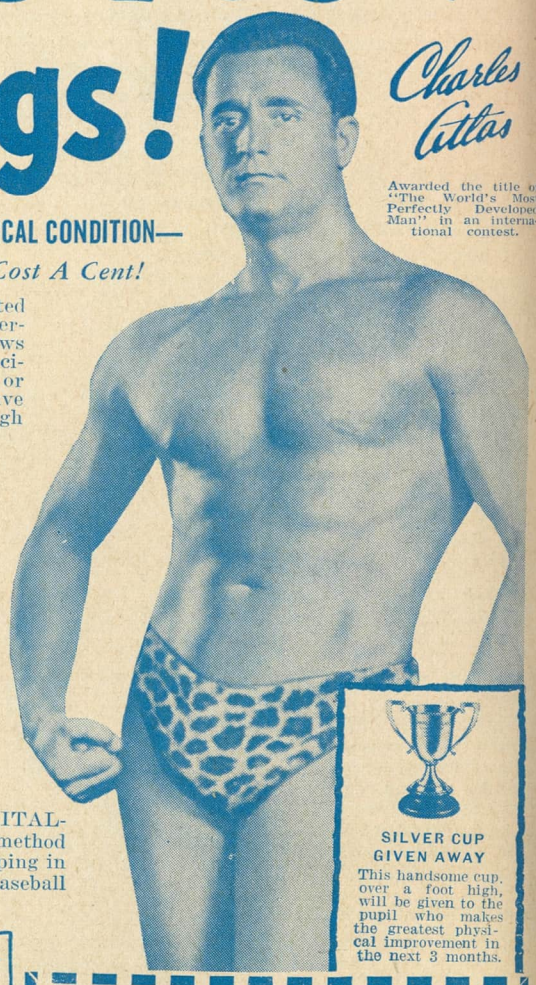


"I am sending you this snapshot showing my wonderful progress."—W. G., New Jersey



"Gained 29 pounds. When I started your course I weighed only 141. Now I weigh 170."—T. K., New York

I Make He-Men Out of Weaklings!



Charles Atlas

Awarded the title of "The World's Most Perfectly Developed Man" in an international contest.

I DON'T CARE HOW OLD OR YOUNG YOU ARE or HOW ASHAMED YOU ARE of YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION—

Let Me PROVE In Only 15 Minutes A Day—that I Can—Or It Won't Cost A Cent!

GIVE ME a skinny, pepless, second-rate body—and I'll cram it so full of handsome, bulging new muscle that your friends will grow bug-eyed! I'll wake up that sleeping energy of yours and make it hum like a high-powered dynamo! Man, you'll *feel* and *look* different. You'll begin to LIVE.

Sure, I could fill page after page of this publication with pictures of fellows who became HE-MEN my way. But what you want to know is—"What can Atlas do for ME?" Well, just give me 15 minutes a day—AND I'LL SHOW YOU. Even in that short time I'll start giving you RESULTS—the kind you can SEE, FEEL, and MEASURE with a tape! And there's no cost to you if I fail!

ARE YOU
Skinny, weak, run down? Always tired? Nervous? Lacking in confidence? Constipated? Suffering from bad breath? Flat and flabby? Do you want to lose or gain weight? *WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT is told in my FREE BOOK.*

WHAT'S MY SECRET?

"DYNAMIC TENSION!" That's the ticket! The identical natural method that I myself developed to change my body from the scrawny skinny chested weakling I was at 17 to my present superman physique! Thousands of other fellows are becoming marvelous physical specimens—my way. I give you no gadgets or contraptions to fool with. When you have learned to develop your strength through *Dynamic Tension* you can laugh at artificial muscle-makers. You simply utilize the DORMANT muscle-power in your own God-given body—watch it increase and multiply double-quick into real solid LIVE MUSCLE.

My method—"*Dynamic Tension*" will turn the trick for you. No theory—so easy! Spend only 15 minutes a day in your own home. From the very start you'll be using my method of "*Dynamic Tension*" almost unconsciously every minute of the day—walking, bending over, etc.—to BUILD MUSCLE and VITALITY. And *you'll* be using the method which many great athletes use for keeping in condition—prize fighters, wrestlers, baseball and football players, etc.

SILVER CUP GIVEN AWAY
This handsome cup, over a foot high, will be given to the pupil who makes the greatest physical improvement in the next 3 months.

From Weakling to a Real He-Man

"You changed me from a weakling to a real he-man. My chest has gone up 6 inches. I am a solid mass of muscle from head to foot. Friends and doctors have noticed a great change and some even failed to recognize me!"—J. S., Montana

Gains 40 Lbs.

"Worth 100 times what I paid. You not only made me a man but you added at least 20 years to my life. I was 130 lbs. and I got myself to 170 through your wonderful course."—J. N. H., British West Indies

Makes Track Team—Called "Perfect Build"

"Am in the pink of condition and on the school Track Team. As I was getting into my gym suit the other day I heard a couple of men say, 'Look at that fellow. He has a perfect build!'"—E. M., Conn.

Health 100% Better Through Dynamic Tension

"The first week my arm increased one inch, my chest two inches; my health is 100% better. Dynamic Tension is the best in the world."—W. E., Ohio

FREE **Illustrated 32-Page Book. Just Mail the Coupon.**

SEND NOW for my famous book, "Everlasting Health and Strength." (Over 3½ MILLION fellows have sent for it already.) It contains 32 pages, packed from cover to cover with actual photographs and valuable advice. Shows you what "*Dynamic Tension*" has done for others, answers many vital questions. Page by page it shows what I can do for YOU!

This book is a real prize for any fellow who wants a better build. Yet I'll send you a copy absolutely FREE. Just glancing through it may mean the turning point in your whole life! Rush the coupon to me personally:

CHARLES ATLAS, Dept. 80D, 115 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

CHARLES ATLAS, Dept. 80D,
115 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

Send me—absolutely FREE—a copy of your famous book, "Everlasting Health and Strength"—32 pages, crammed with photographs, answers, to vital health questions, and valuable advice. I understand this book is mine to keep and sending for it does not obligate me in any way.

Name ..... Age .....
(Please print or write plainly)

Address .....

City ..... State .....